



SIGNS, WONDERS AND THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the course



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Major questions and issues

How is the Holy Spirit working in the church today?

Is God truly giving Christians the ability to heal people today?

Do Christians have new power for ministry with the “baptism of the Holy Spirit” after conversion?

Is the Holy Spirit presently driving out demons when Christians command them to flee?

Is God still revealing Himself and His will through prophecies, dreams, visions and words of knowledge?



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Major questions and issues

Did the miraculous sign gifts cease with the death of the apostles?

Are those who believe the sign gifts have ceased just carnal Christians who lack faith and limit God?

Are believers baptized by the Holy Spirit at conversion or at some later time?

Is the baptism in the Holy Spirit only evidenced by speaking in tongues?

If the sign gifts have ceased, then what is happening in Pentecostal / Charismatic churches?

Are cessationists guilty of blaspheming the Holy Spirit?



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Some personal notes



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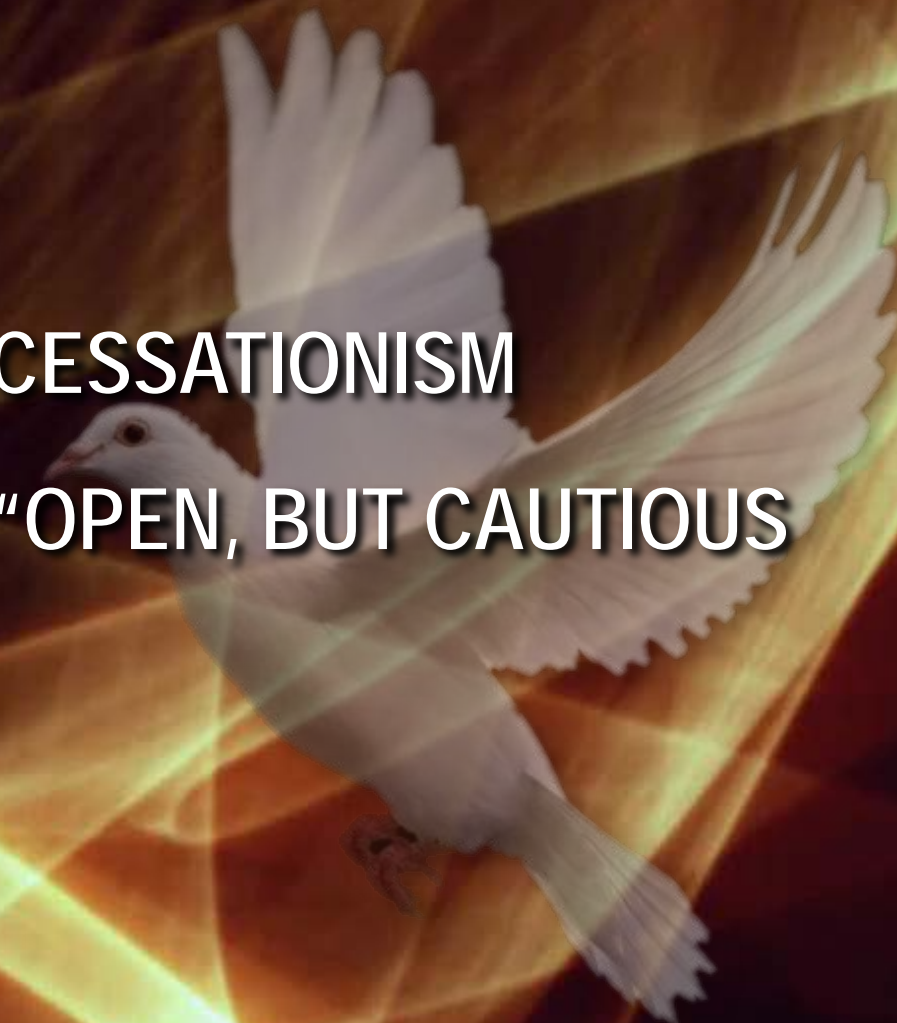
Overview of the major positions

CONTINUATIONISM

- Pentecostal (Classic Pentecostal – 1st wave)
- Charismatic (Neo Pentecostal – 2nd wave)
- Third Wave (Vineyard, Calvary Chapel, Hillsong)
- New Apostolic Reformation
- Word Faith / Word of Faith (Positive confession)
- Catholic Renewal Movement
- The issue of convergence

CESSATIONISM

“OPEN, BUT CAUTIOUS”



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Some personal observations

Concerning "It must be from God."

Concerning "Limiting God"

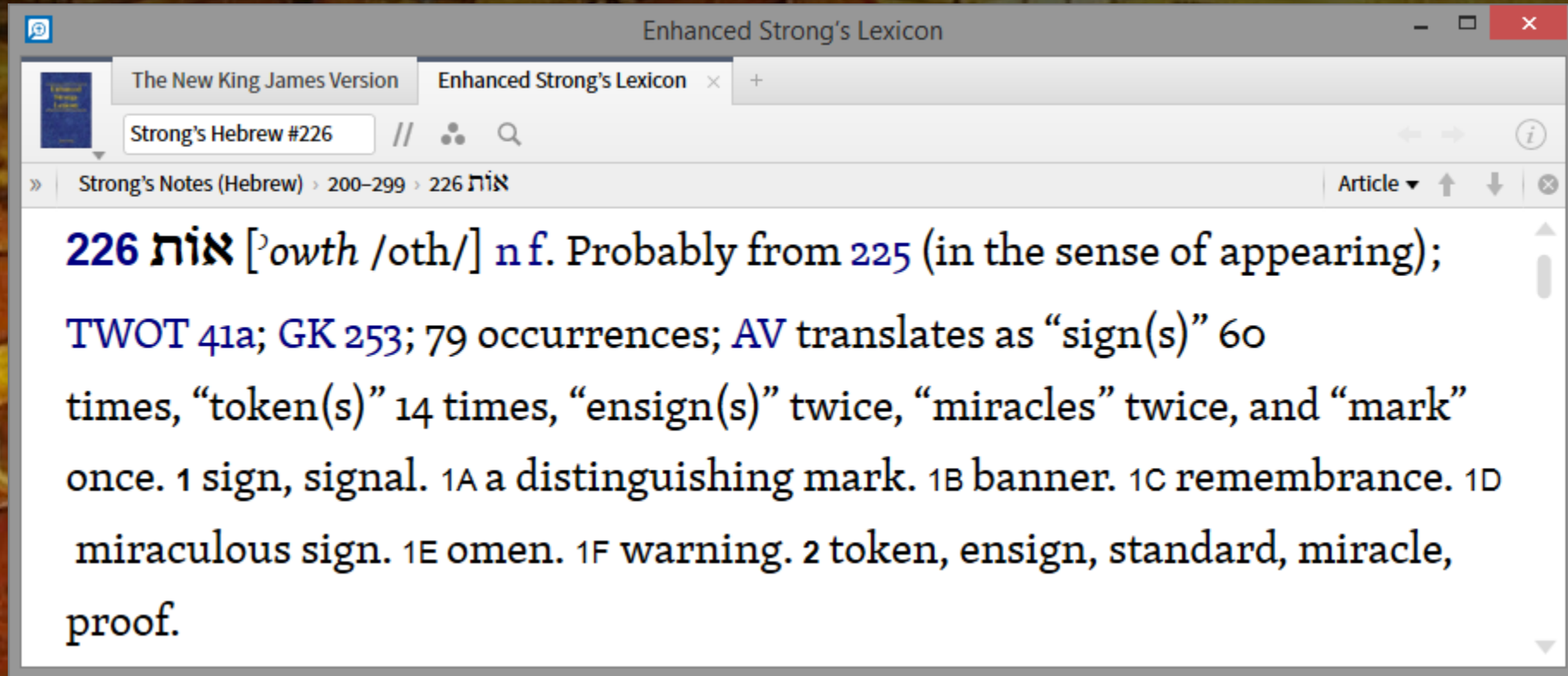
Concerning doctrine

Concerning ecumenism

Concerning spiritual results



Key word & meaning



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General usage

GENESIS 9:11-13

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11 Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

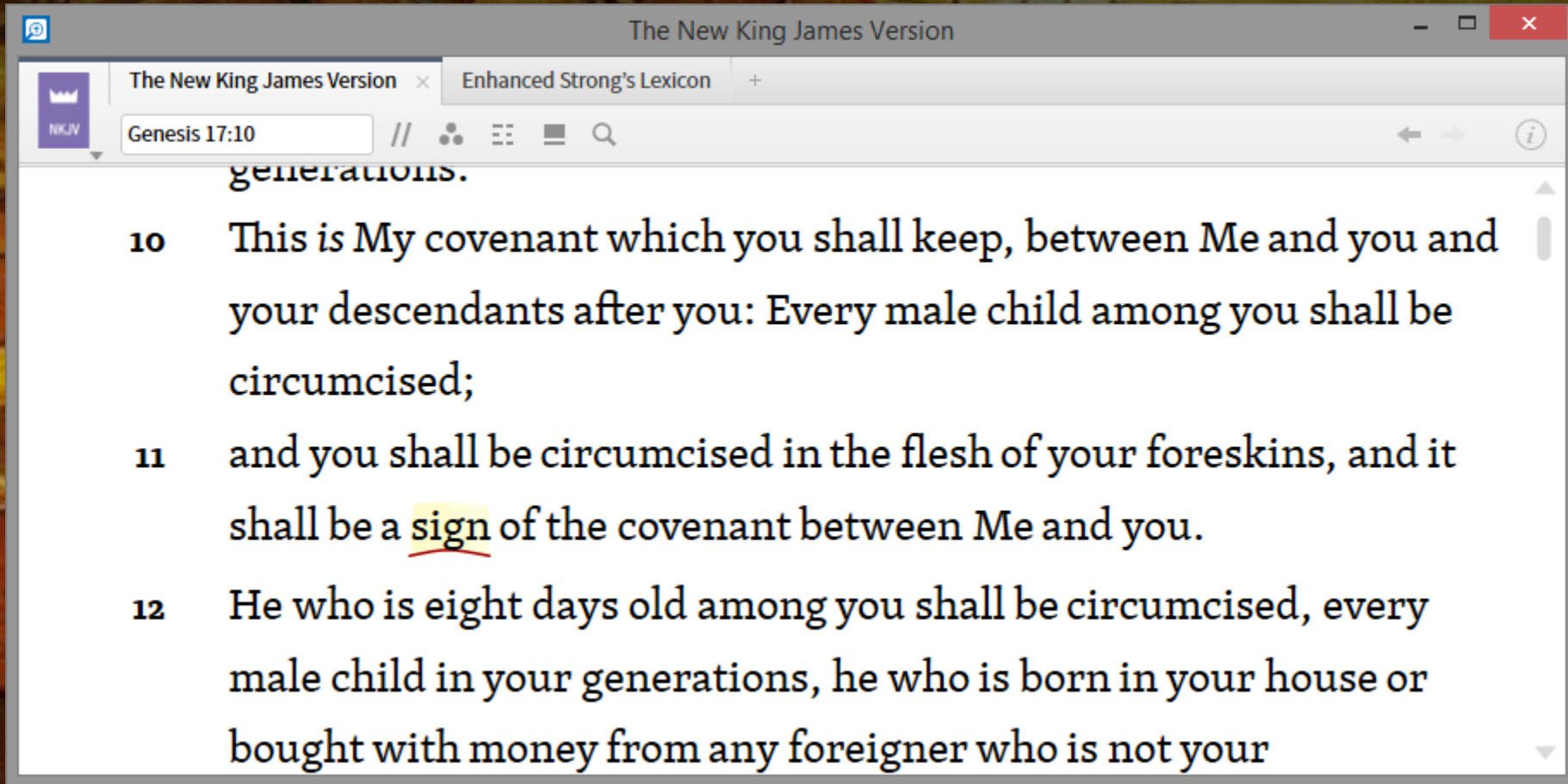
12 And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13 I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

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GENESIS 17:10-11



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generations.

10 This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised;

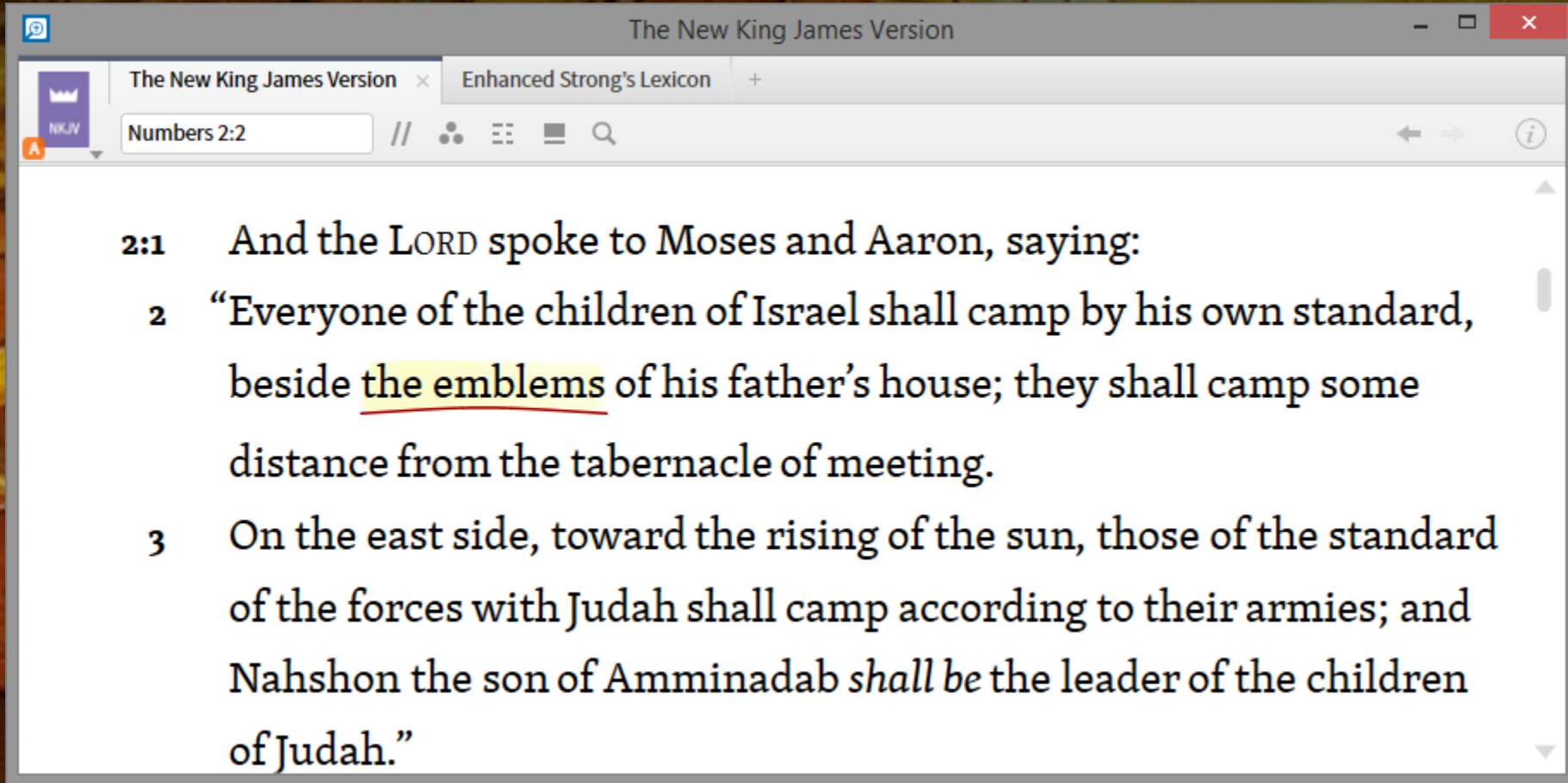
11 and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

12 He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your

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NUMBERS 2:2



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "The New King James Version". The address bar displays "Numbers 2:2". The main content area shows the text of Numbers 2:2, with the words "the emblems" underlined in red. The text is as follows:

2:1 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:

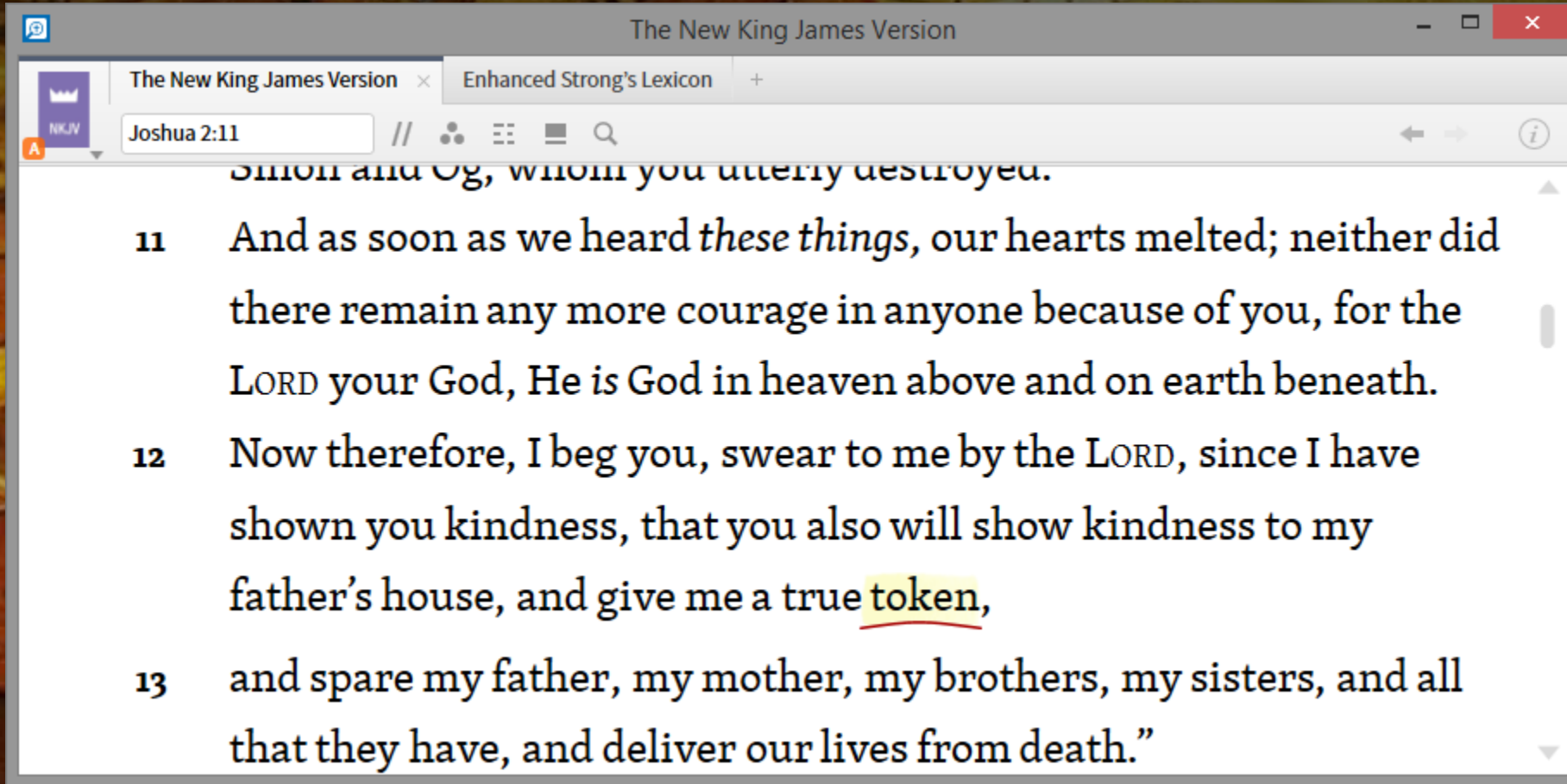
2 "Everyone of the children of Israel shall camp by his own standard, beside the emblems of his father's house; they shall camp some distance from the tabernacle of meeting.

3 On the east side, toward the rising of the sun, those of the standard of the forces with Judah shall camp according to their armies; and Nahshon the son of Amminadab *shall be* the leader of the children of Judah."

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JOSHUA 2:12



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Simon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

11 And as soon as we heard *these things*, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

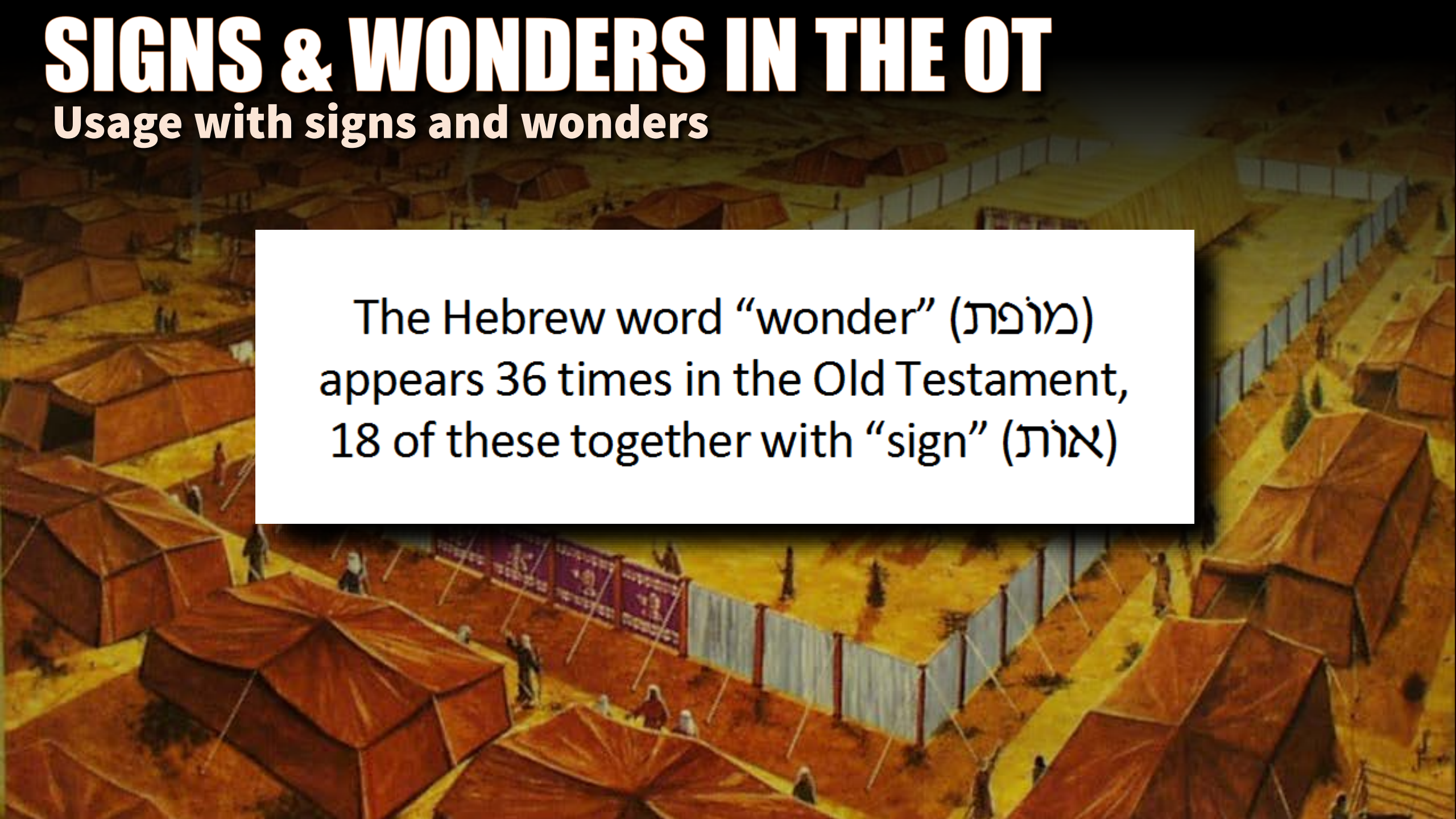
12 Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token,

13 and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."

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Usage with signs and wonders

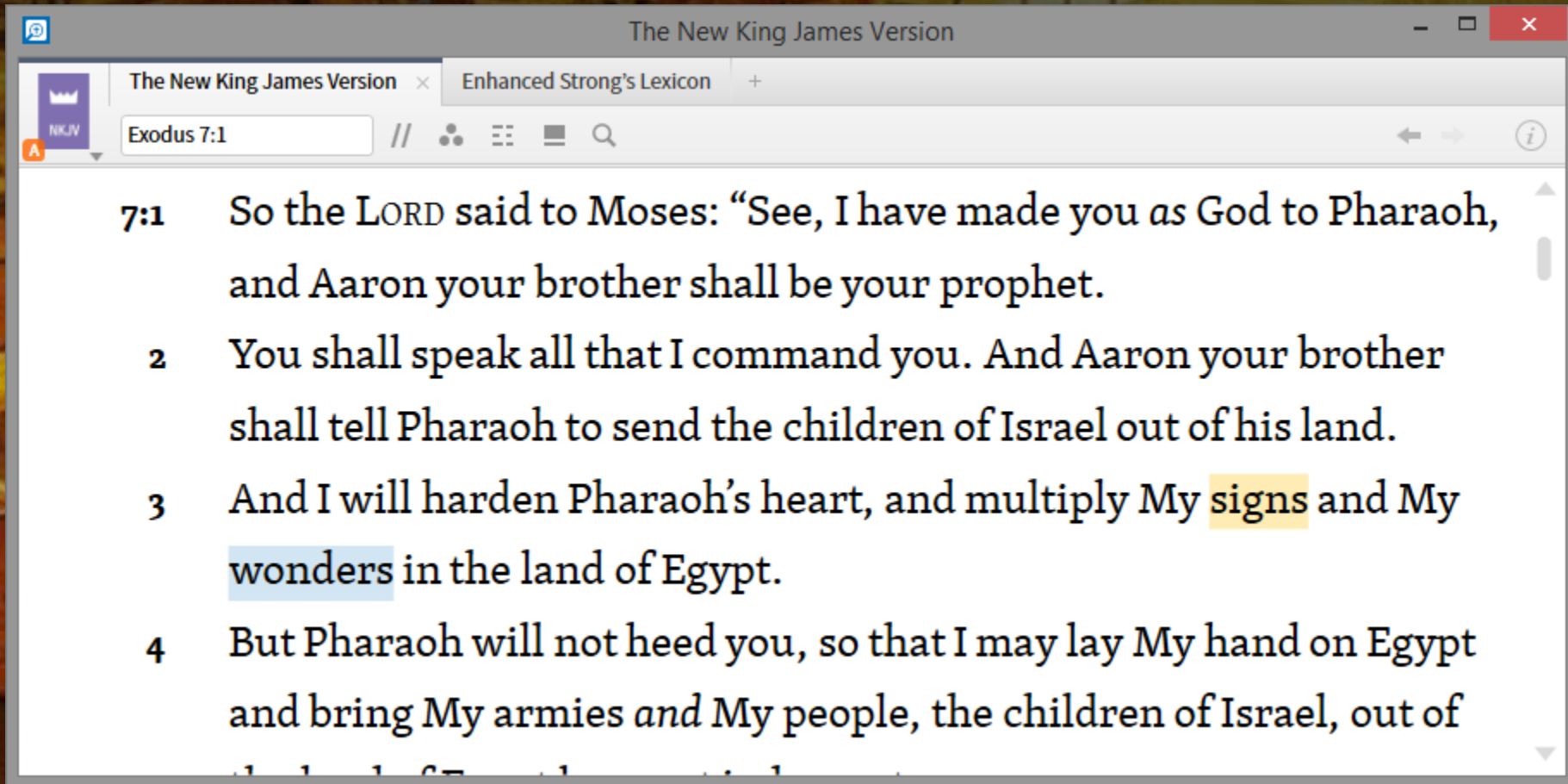
The Hebrew word “wonder” (מוֹפֶת) appears 36 times in the Old Testament, 18 of these together with “sign” (אוֹת)



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EXODUS 7:3



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7:1 So the LORD said to Moses: "See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.

2 You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land.

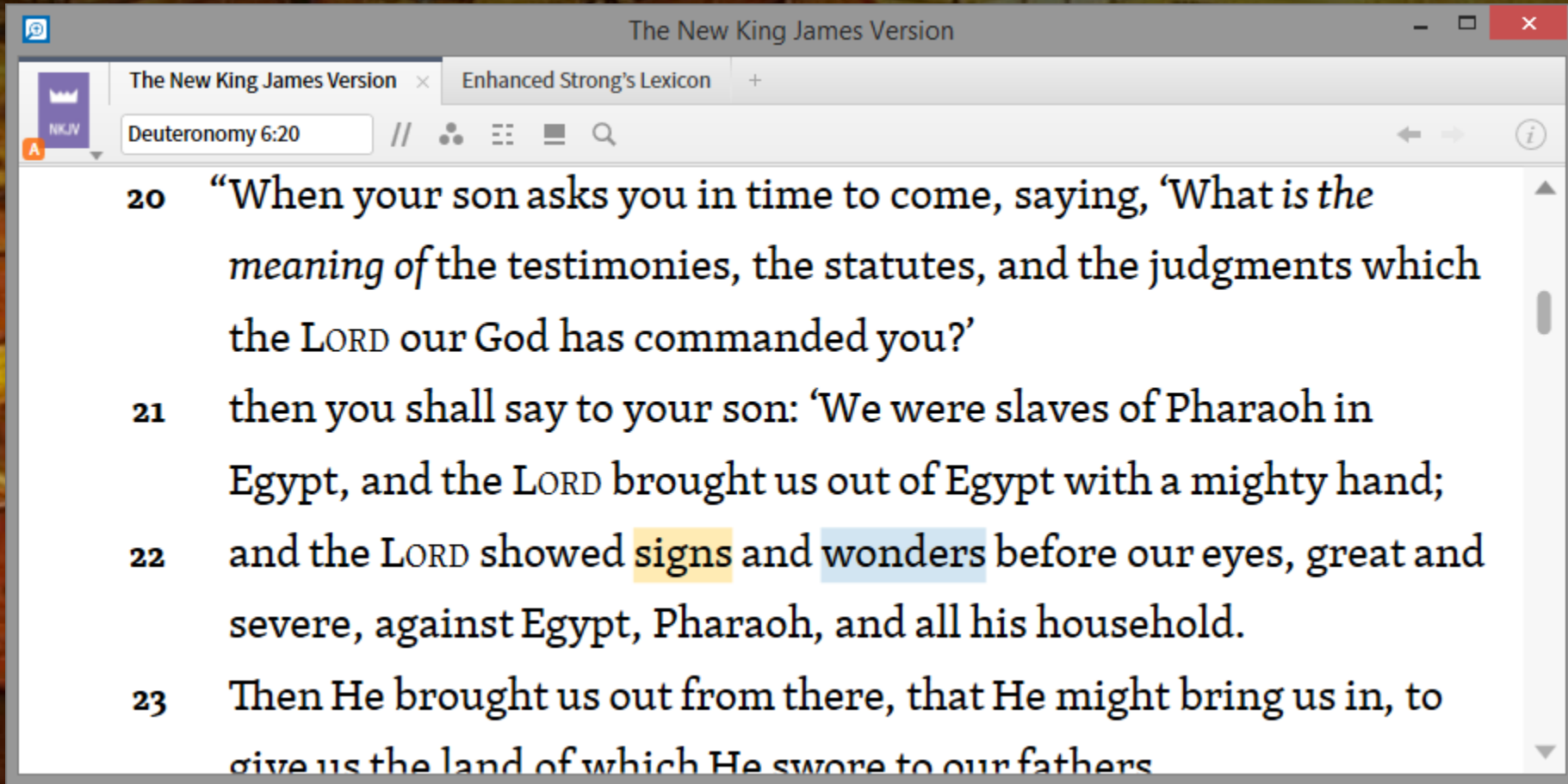
3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply My **signs** and My **wonders** in the land of Egypt.

4 But Pharaoh will not heed you, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies and My people, the children of Israel, out of

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DEUTERONOMY 6:22



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Deuteronomy 6:20

20 “When your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded you?’

21 then you shall say to your son: ‘We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand;

22 and the LORD showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household.

23 Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers

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DEUTERONOMY 13:1-2

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Deuteronomy 13:1

13:1 “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,

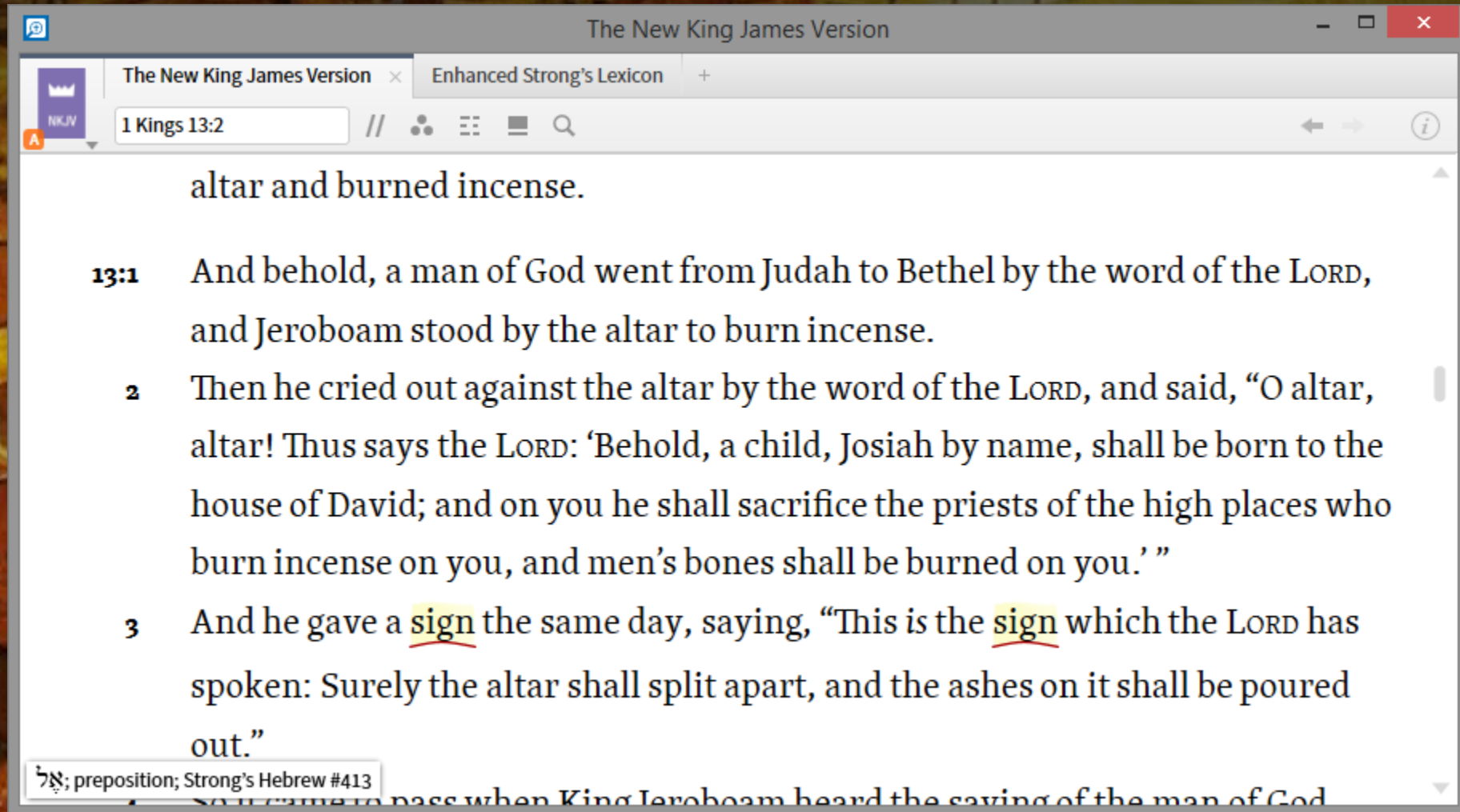
2 and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’ — which you have not known — ‘and let us serve them,’

3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

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I KINGS 13:1-2



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altar and burned incense.

13:1 And behold, a man of God went from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 Then he cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be burned on you.'"

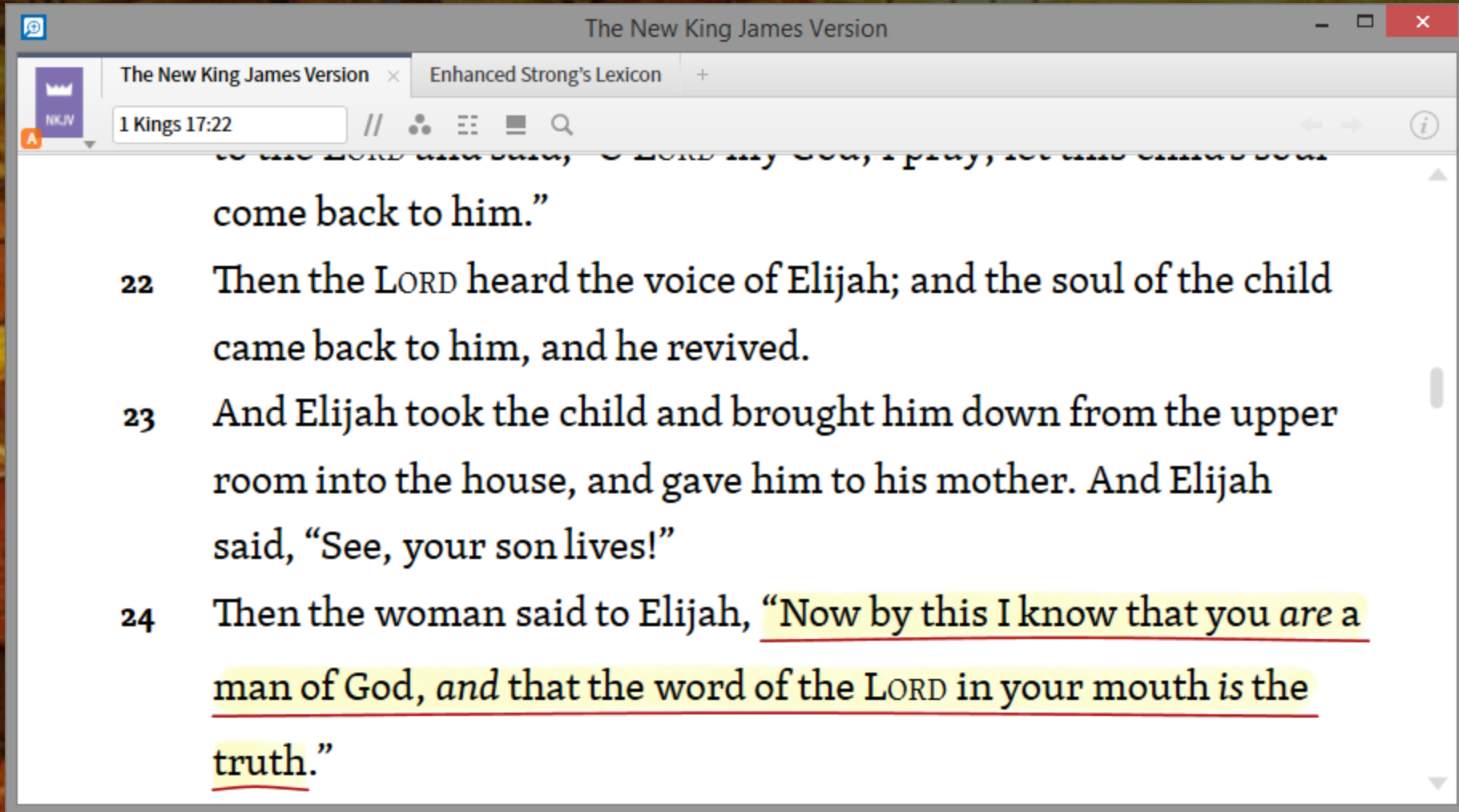
3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign which the LORD has spoken: Surely the altar shall split apart, and the ashes on it shall be poured out."

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I KINGS 17:18-24



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1 Kings 17:22

come back to him."

22 Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."

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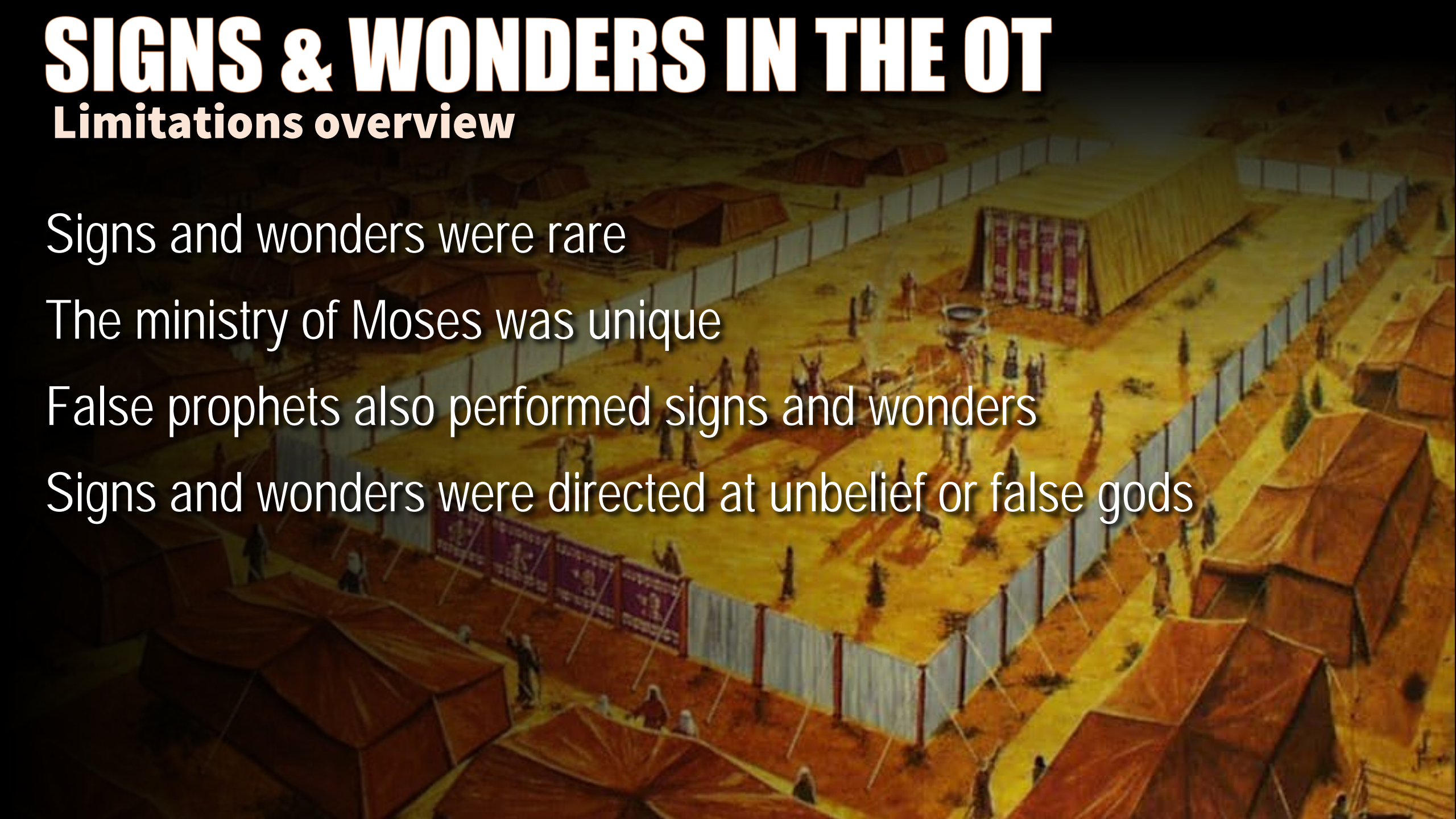
Limitations overview

Signs and wonders were rare

The ministry of Moses was unique

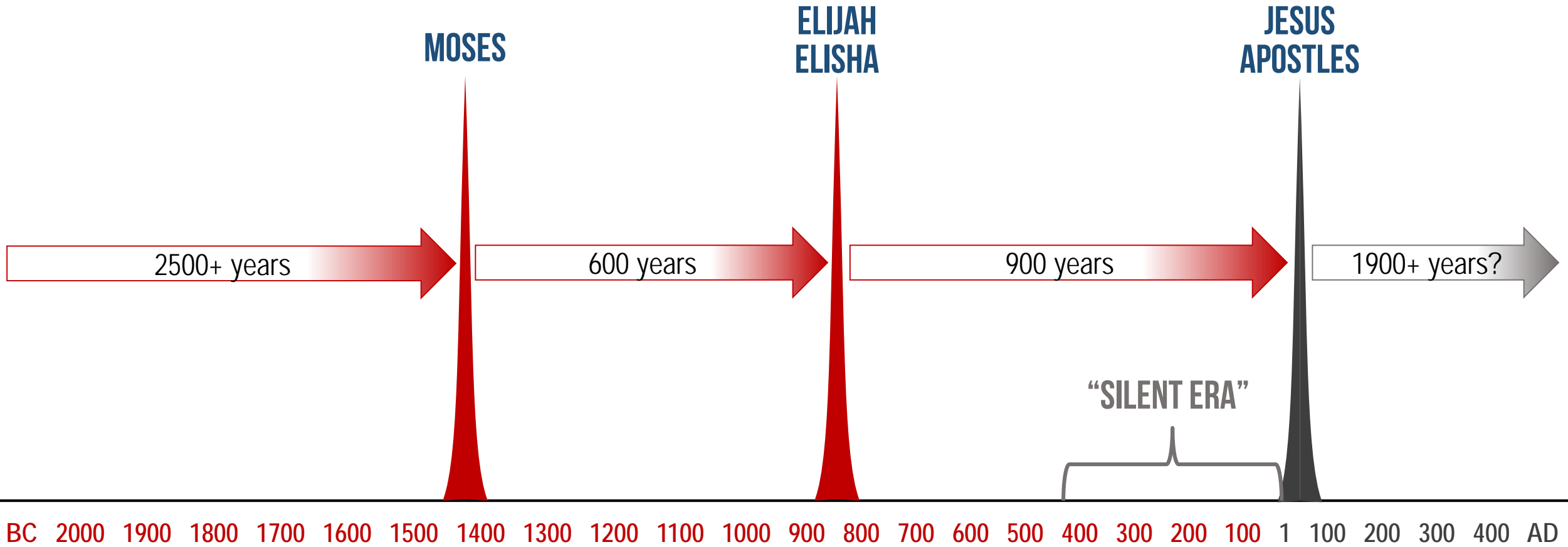
False prophets also performed signs and wonders

Signs and wonders were directed at unbelief or false gods



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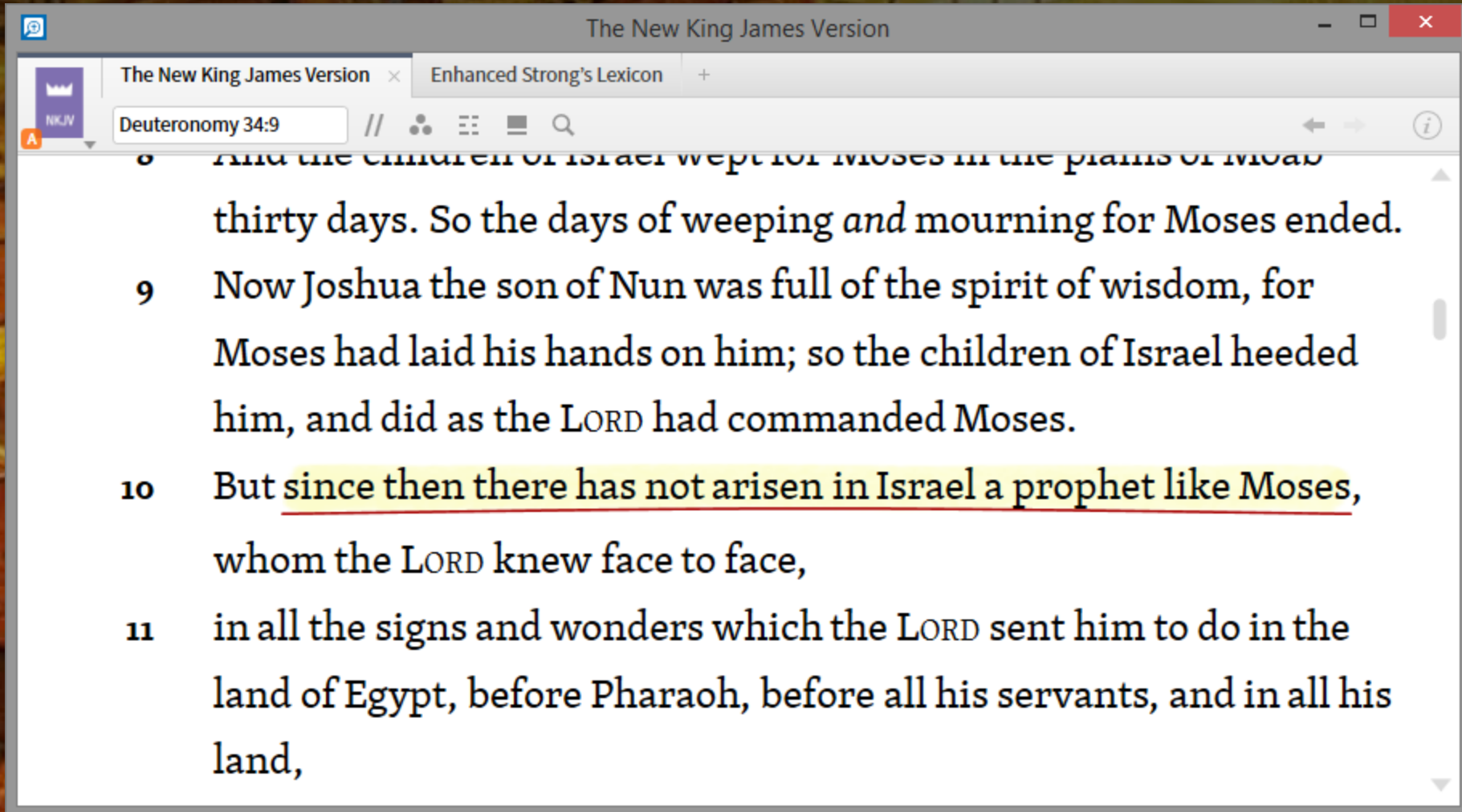
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Moses' ministry was unique

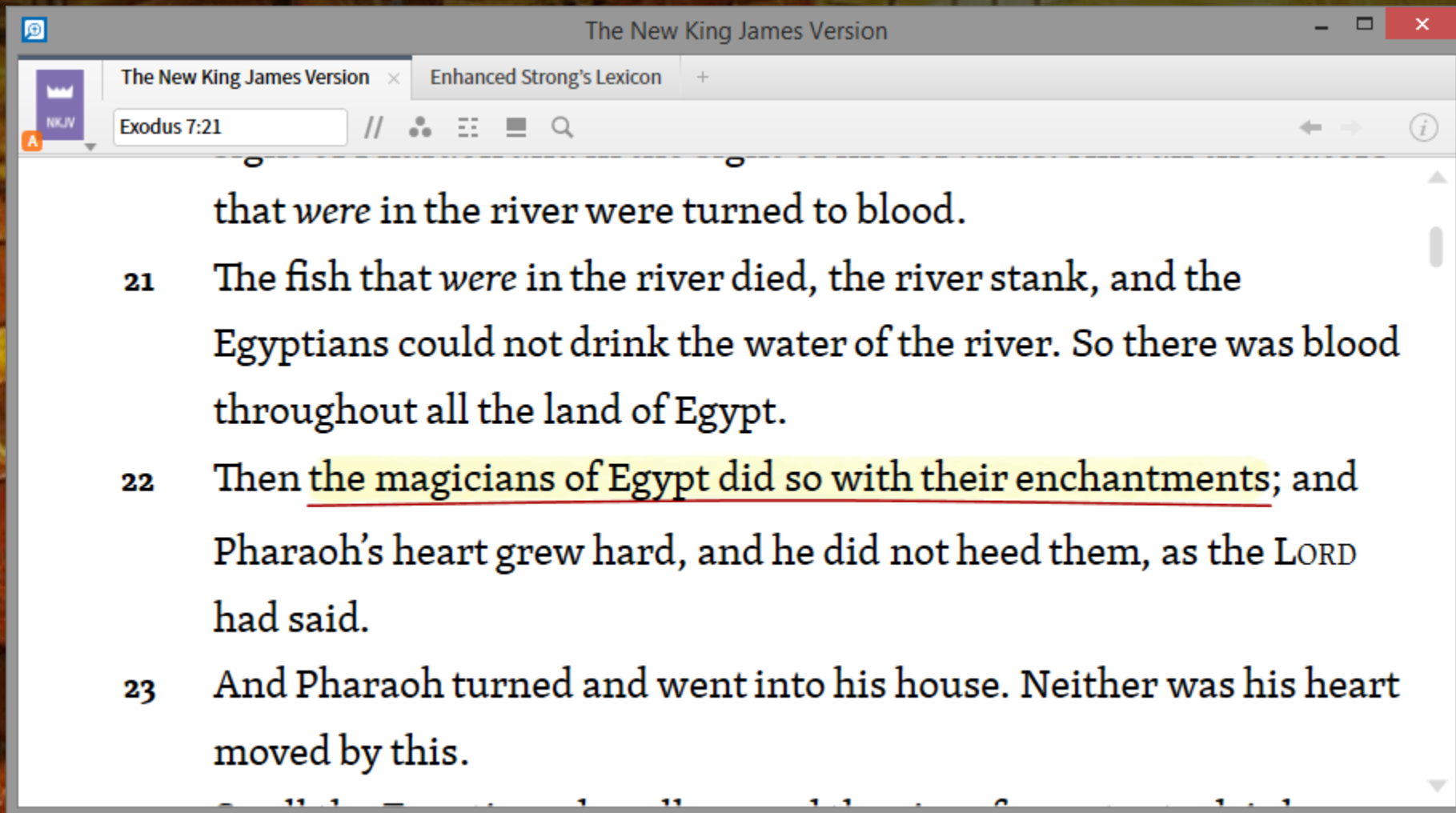
DEUTERONOMY 34:10



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False prophets performed miracles

EXODUS 7:22



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that were in the river were turned to blood.

21 The fish that were in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

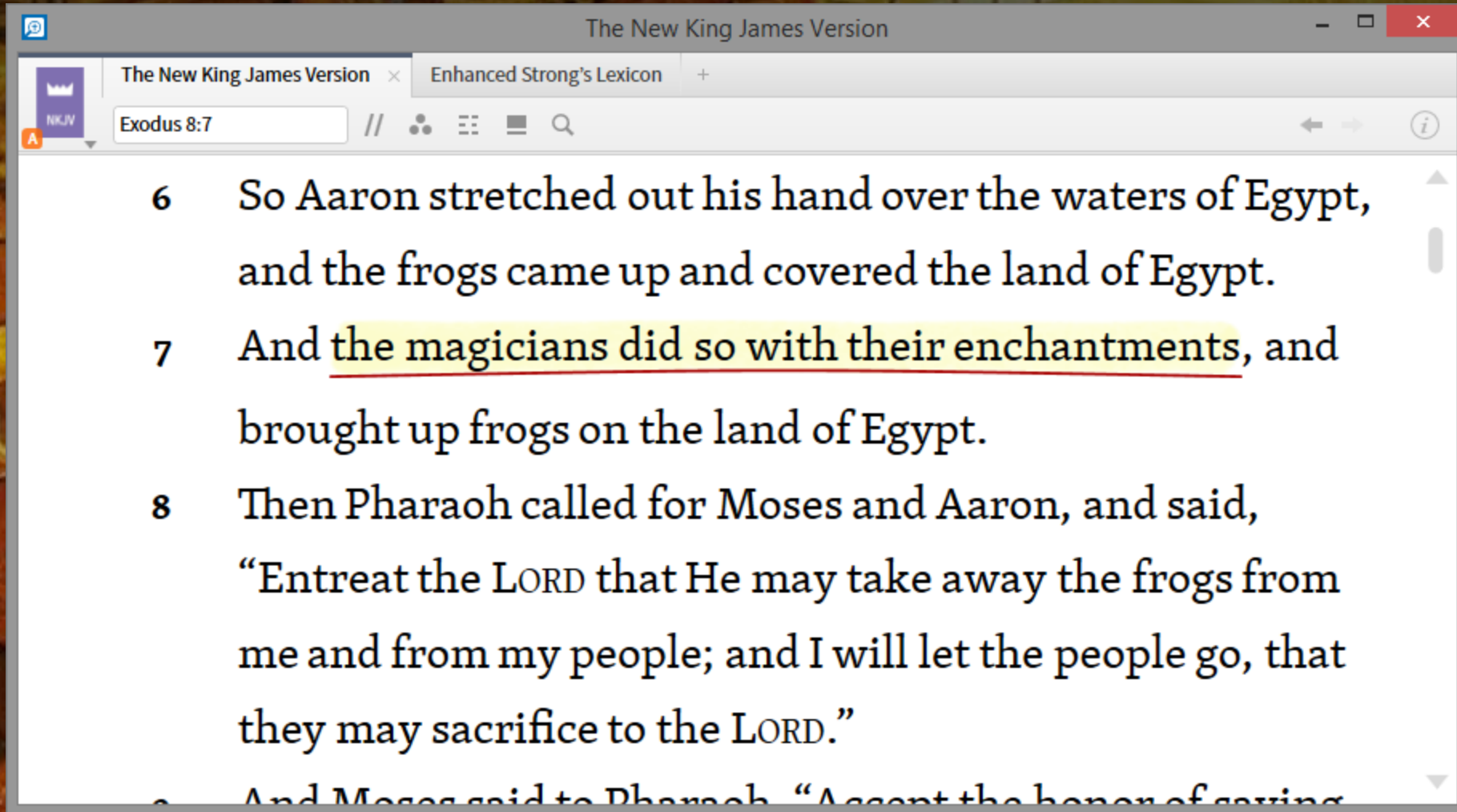
22 Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this.

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False prophets performed miracles

EXODUS 8:7



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6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.

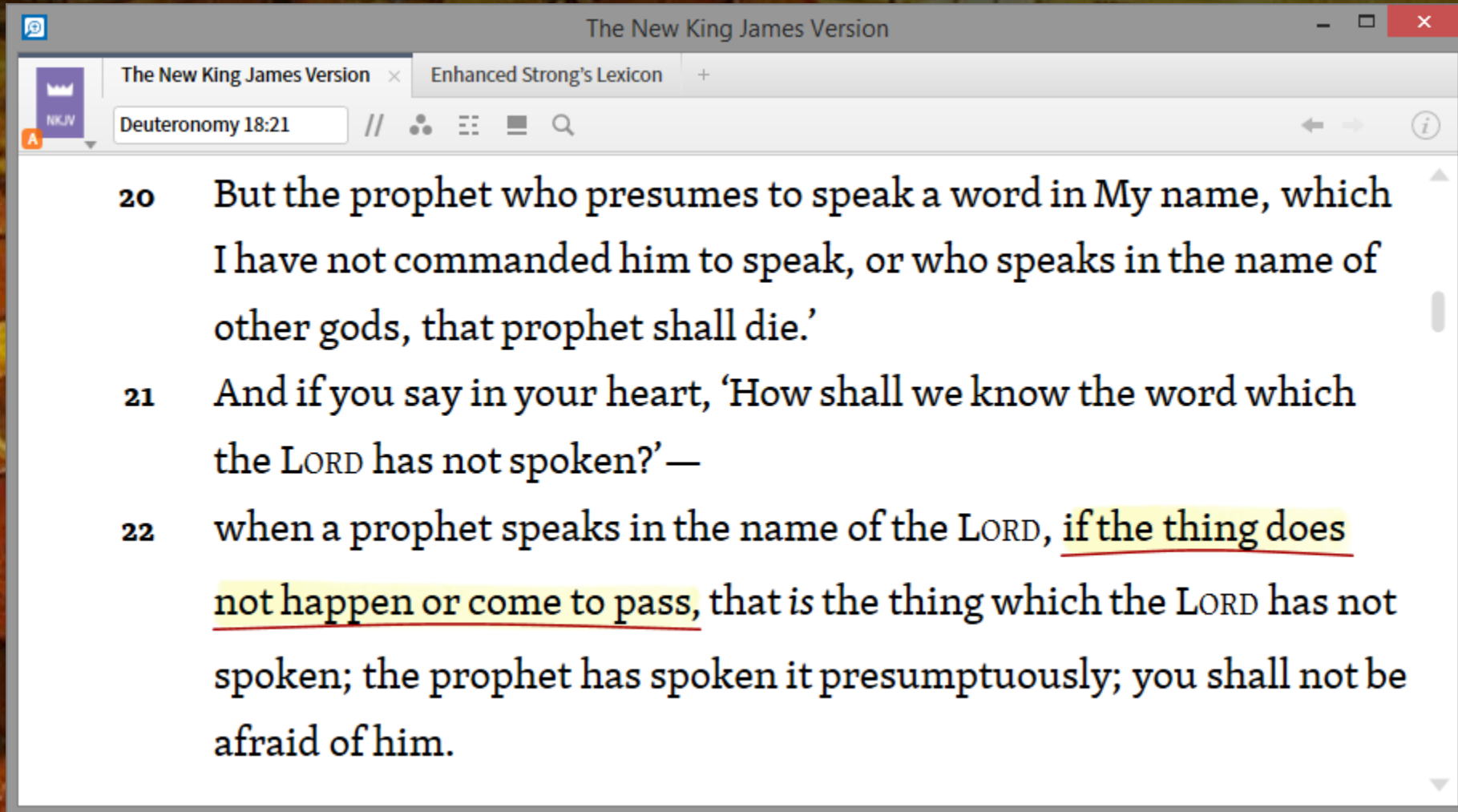
8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Entreat the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."

9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, "Assent the honor of saying

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Test #1: fulfilled prophecy

DEUTERONOMY 18:22



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20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

21 And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?' —

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Test #2: biblical message

DEUTERONOMY 13:2

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13:1 “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,

2 and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’ — which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’

3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His

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Test #3: signs and wonders

DEUTERONOMY 13:1

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Signs and wonders directed at unbelief or false gods



Waters Turn to Blood
Exodus 7:14-25



Amphibians (Frogs)
Exodus 7:26-8:11



Gnats (Lice)
Exodus 8:12-15



Flies
Exodus 8:16-28



Disease on Livestock
Exodus 9:1-7

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Unhealable Boils
Exodus 9:8-12



Hail and Fire
Exodus 9:13-35



Locusts
Exodus 10:1-20



Darkness
Exodus 10:21-29



Death of First-Born
Exodus 11:1-12:36

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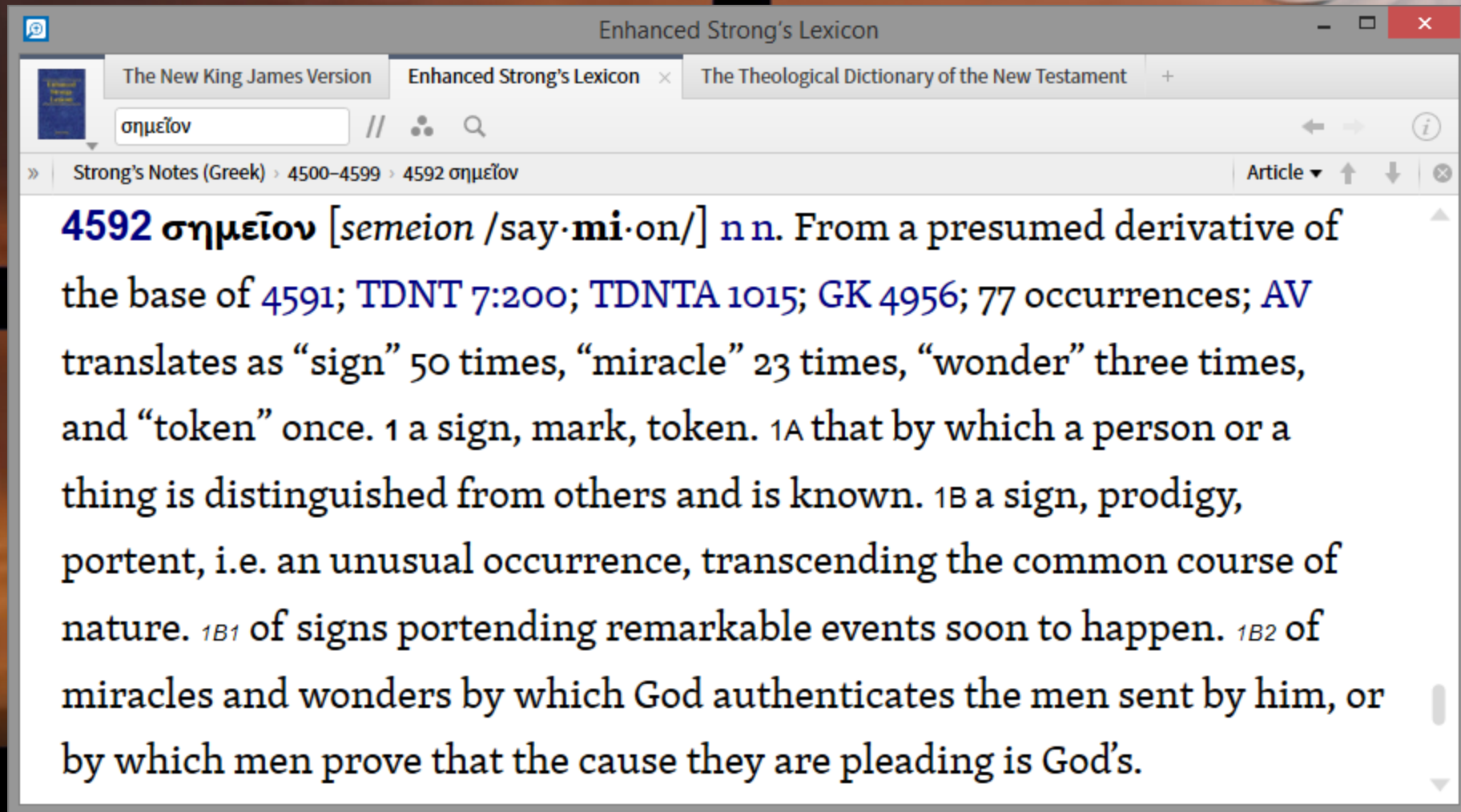
Miracles and men of God

✗ Abel	✗ Jacob	✗ David	✗ Isaiah	✗ Nahum
✗ Seth	✗ Joseph	✗ Nathan	✗ Jeremiah	✗ Habakkuk
✗ Enoch	✓ Moses	✗ Jonathan	✗ Ezekiel	✗ Zephaniah
✗ Methuselah	✓ Aaron	✗ Solomon	✗ Daniel	✗ Haggai
✗ Noah	✗ Joshua	✓ Elijah	✗ Hosea	✗ Zechariah
✗ Abraham	✗ Caleb	✓ Elisha	✗ Joel	✗ Malachi
✗ Melchizedek	✓ Samson	✗ Josiah	✗ Amos	
✗ Lot	✗ Boaz	✗ Hezekiah	✗ Obadiah	
✗ Job	✗ Gideon	✗ Ezra	✗ Jonah	
✗ Isaac	✗ Samuel	✗ Nehemiah	✗ Micah	

“Silent Era”

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“sign” in the NT



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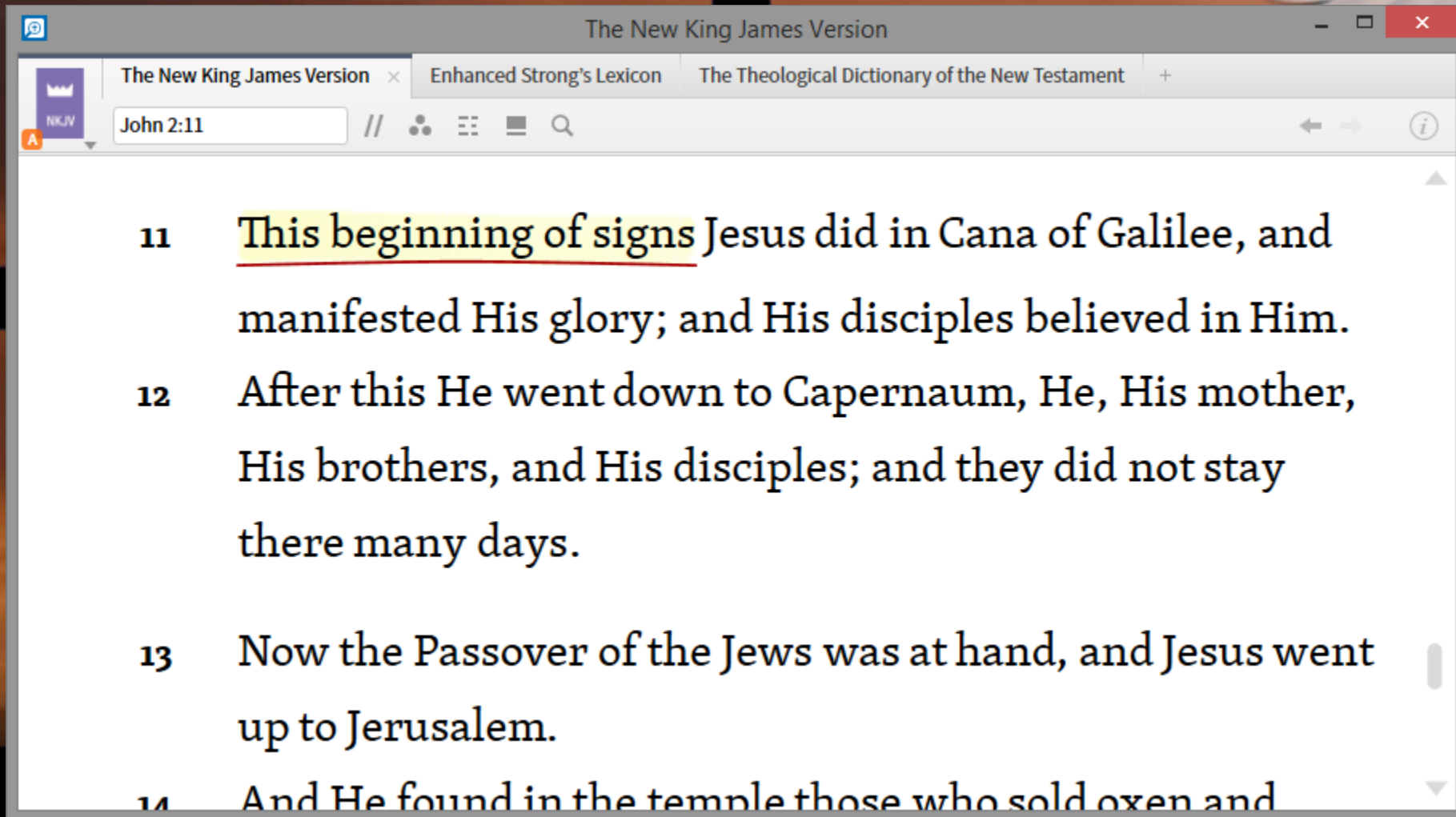
Strong's Notes (Greek) > 4500-4599 > 4592 σημεῖον

4592 σημεῖον [*semeion* /say·mi·on/] **n n**. From a presumed derivative of the base of 4591; TDNT 7:200; TDNTA 1015; GK 4956; 77 occurrences; AV translates as “sign” 50 times, “miracle” 23 times, “wonder” three times, and “token” once. ¹ a sign, mark, token. ^{1A} that by which a person or a thing is distinguished from others and is known. ^{1B} a sign, prodigy, portent, i.e. an unusual occurrence, transcending the common course of nature. ^{1B1} of signs portending remarkable events soon to happen. ^{1B2} of miracles and wonders by which God authenticates the men sent by him, or by which men prove that the cause they are pleading is God's.

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Jesus' ministry

JOHN 2:11



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John 2:11

11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and

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Jesus' ministry

JOHN 3:2

The New King James Version

John 3:1

3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 ^aThis man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for ^bno one can do these signs that You do unless ^cGod is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, ^dunless one is born ¹again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

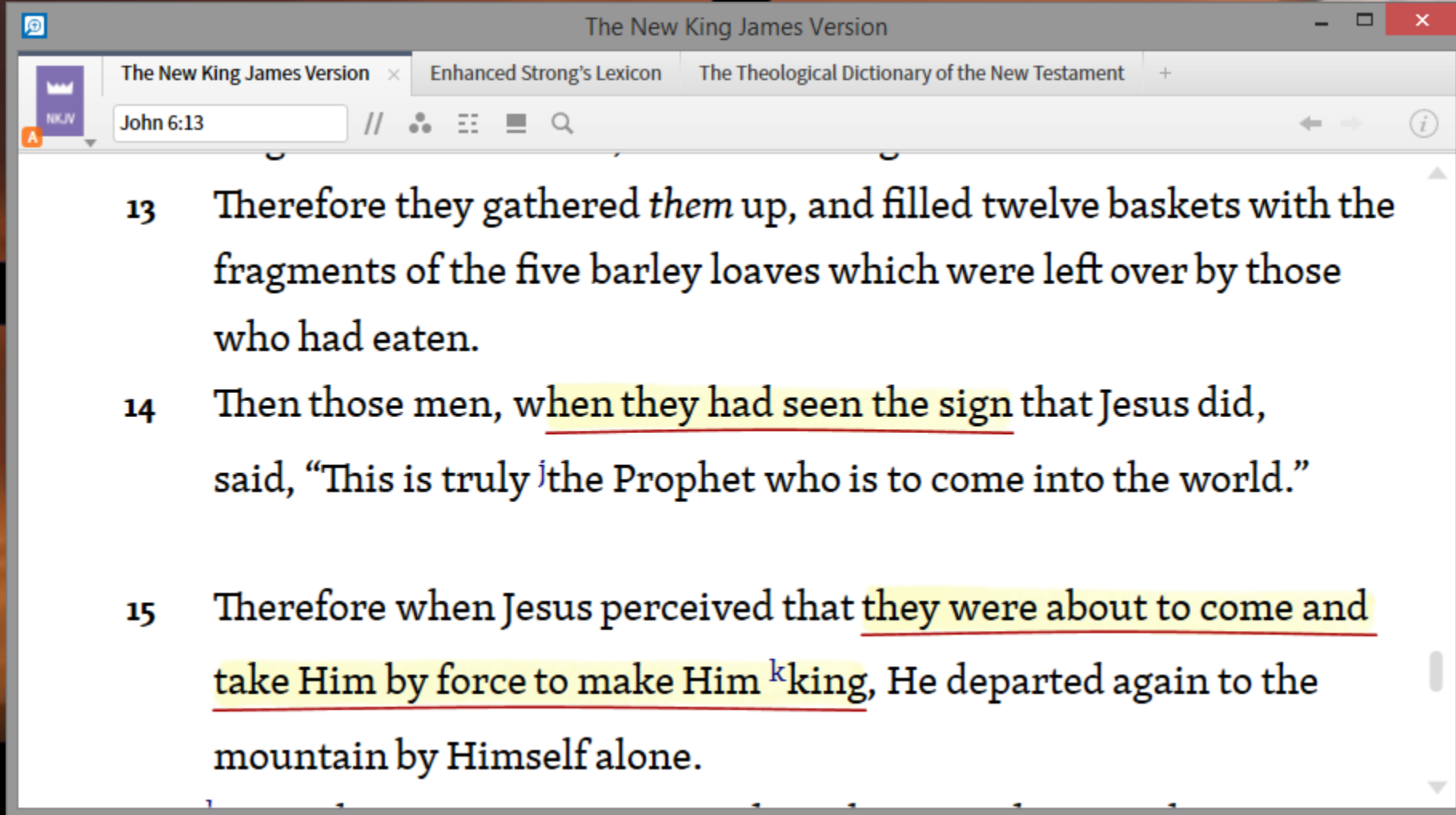
4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered. "Most assuredly, I say to you, ^eunless one is born

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JOHN 6:14-15



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John 6:13

13 Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

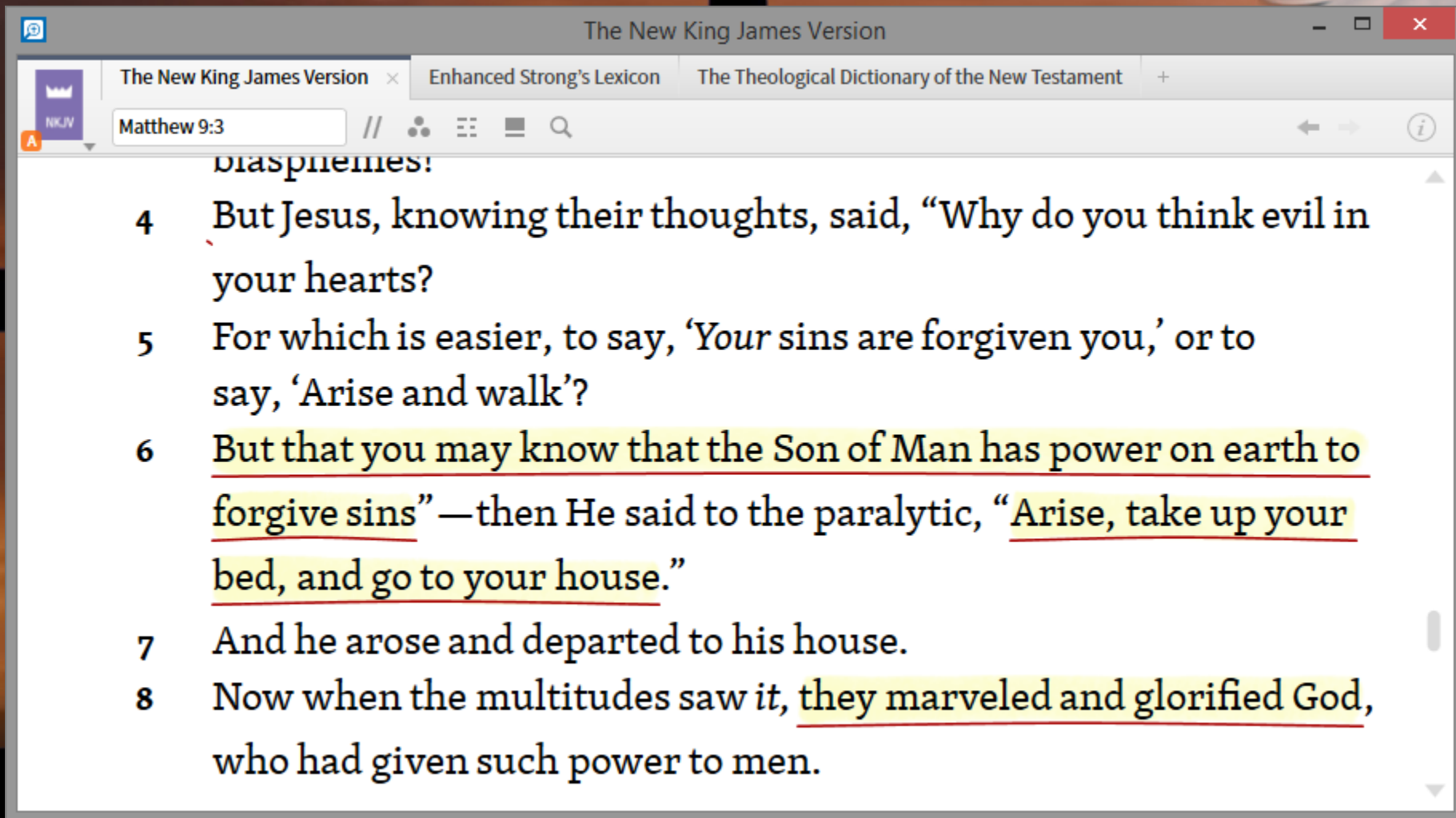
14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly ^jthe Prophet who is to come into the world."

15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him ^kking, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

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Jesus' ministry

MATTHEW 9:4-8



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Matthew 9:3

blasphemes!

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts?

5 For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’?

6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” —then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

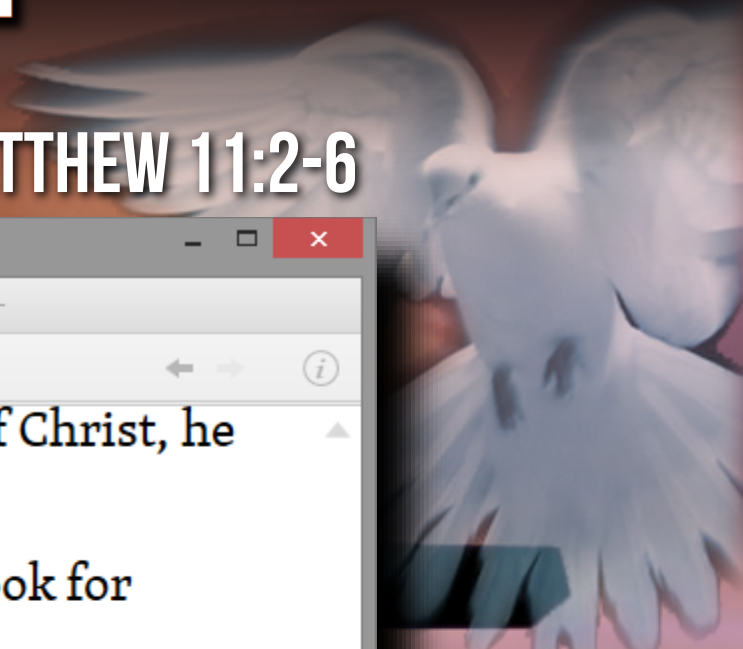
7 And he arose and departed to his house.

8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

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Jesus' ministry

MATTHEW 11:2-6



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Matthew 11:2

2 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples

3 and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:

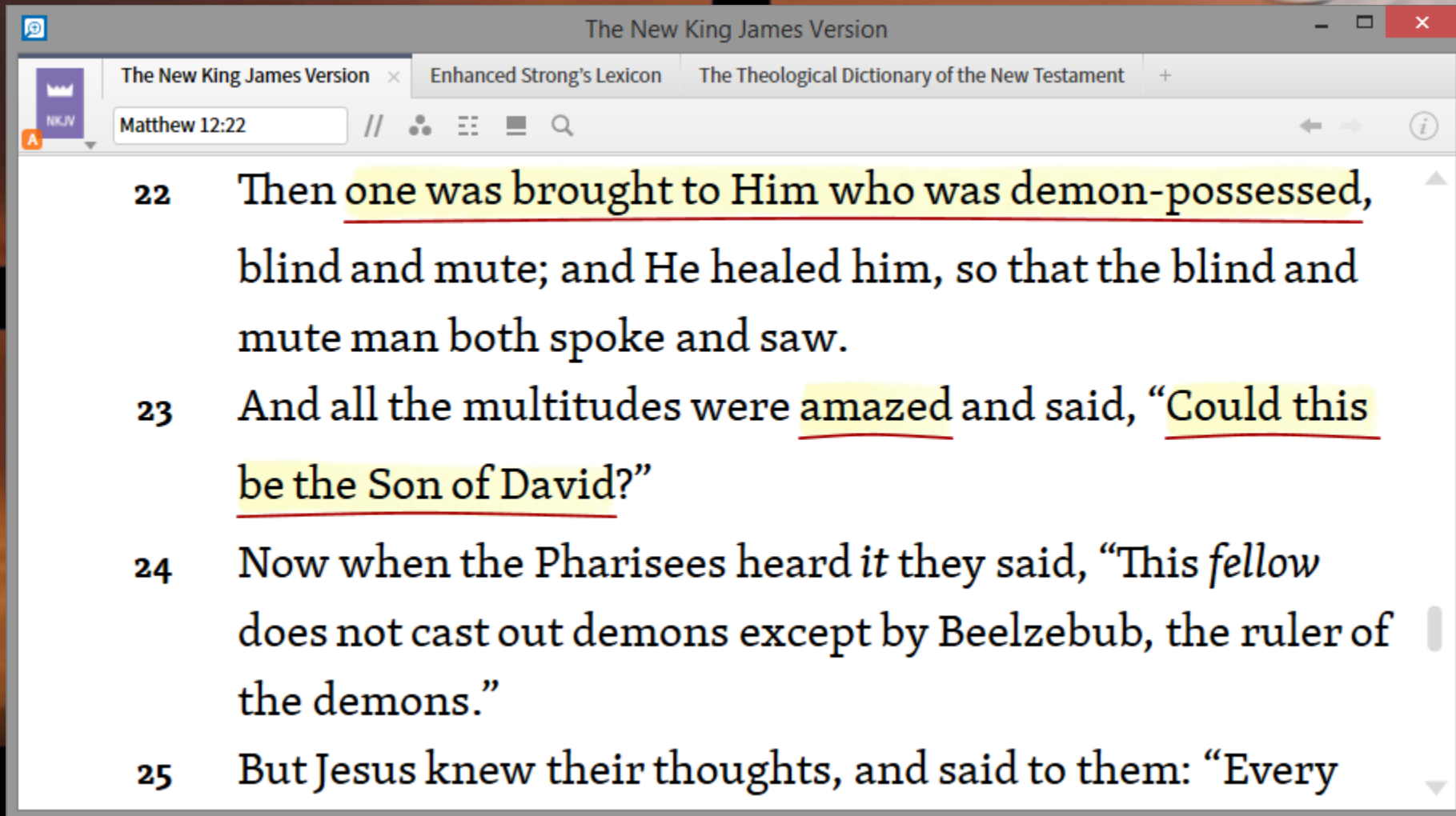
5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

6 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

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Jesus' ministry

MATTHEW 12:22-23



The screenshot shows a Bible study application window titled "The New King James Version". The window has three tabs: "The New King James Version", "Enhanced Strong's Lexicon", and "The Theological Dictionary of the New Testament". The address bar shows "Matthew 12:22". The main text area displays verses 22 through 25 of Matthew 12. Verse 22 is highlighted in yellow and underlined: "Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw." Verse 23 is also highlighted in yellow and underlined: "And all the multitudes were amazed and said, 'Could this be the Son of David?'" Verse 24 is not highlighted: "Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, 'This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.'" Verse 25 is not highlighted: "But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: 'Every".

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24 Now when the Pharisees heard *it* they said, "This *fellow* does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

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MATTHEW 12:18-21

The New King James Version

Matthew 12:18

saying.

18 *“Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen,
My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased!
I will put My Spirit upon Him,
And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.*

19 *He will not quarrel nor cry out,
Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.*

20 *A bruised reed He will not break,
And smoking flax He will not quench,
Till He sends forth justice to victory;*

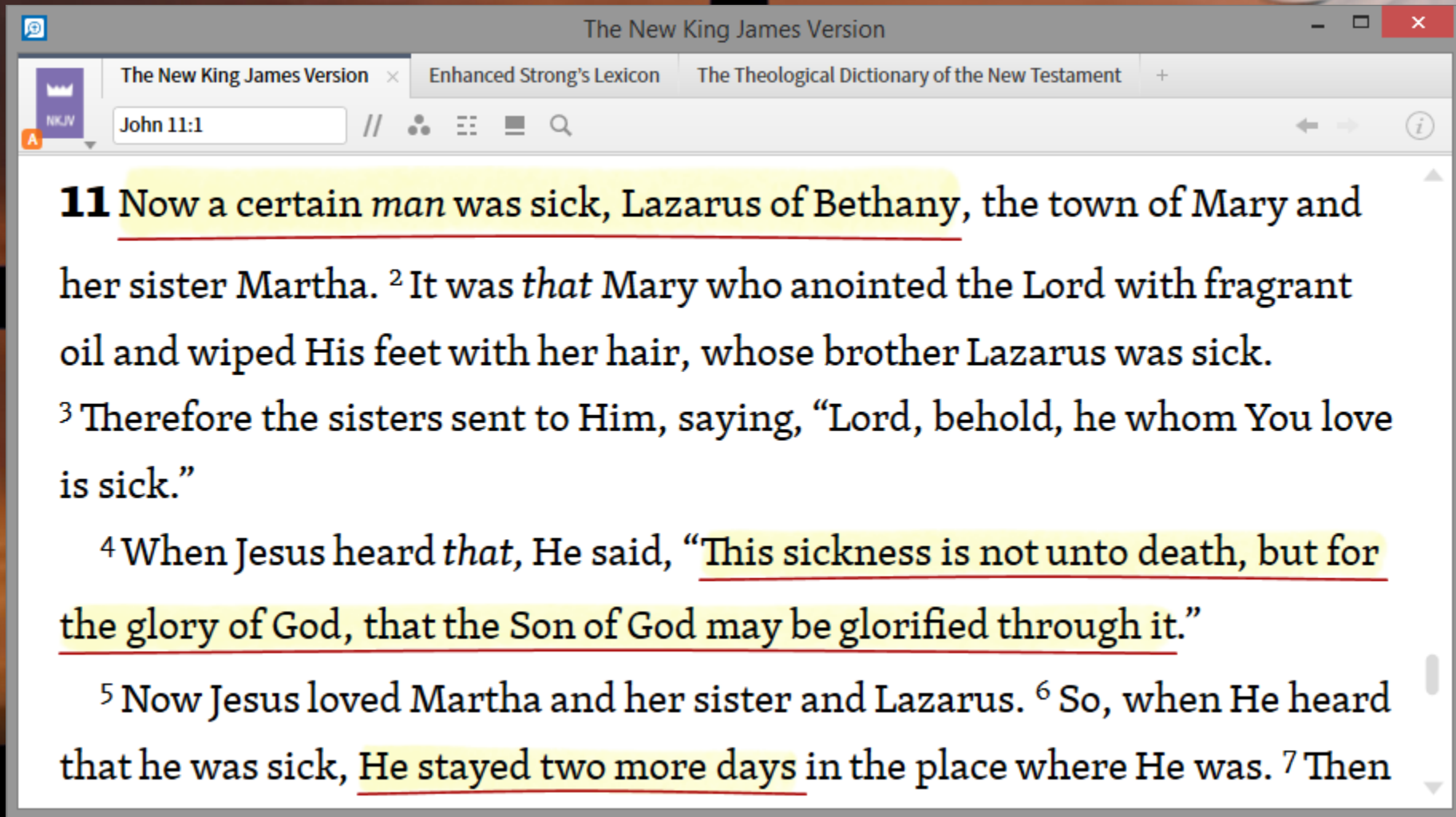
21 *And in His name Gentiles will trust.”*

(ISAIAH 42:1-4)

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Jesus' ministry: Lazarus

JOHN CH.11-12



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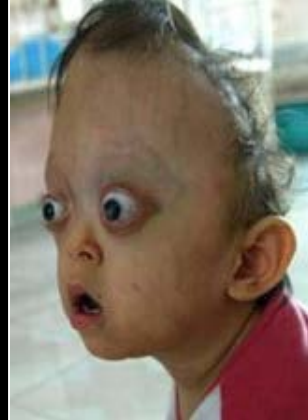
John 11:1

11 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³ Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.”

⁴ When Jesus heard *that*, He said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. ⁷ Then





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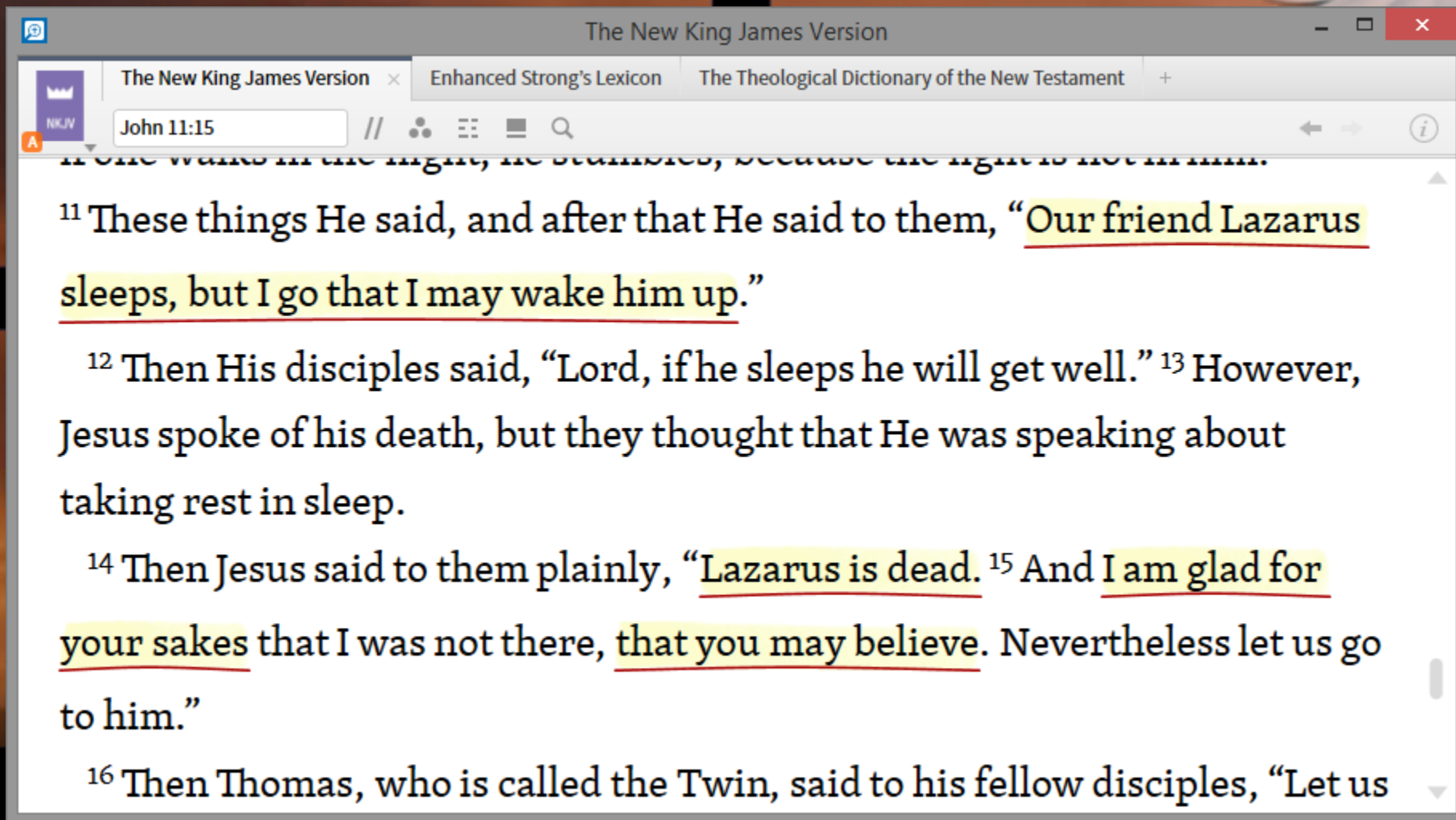
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Jesus' ministry: Lazarus

JOHN CH.11-12



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12 Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." 13 However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

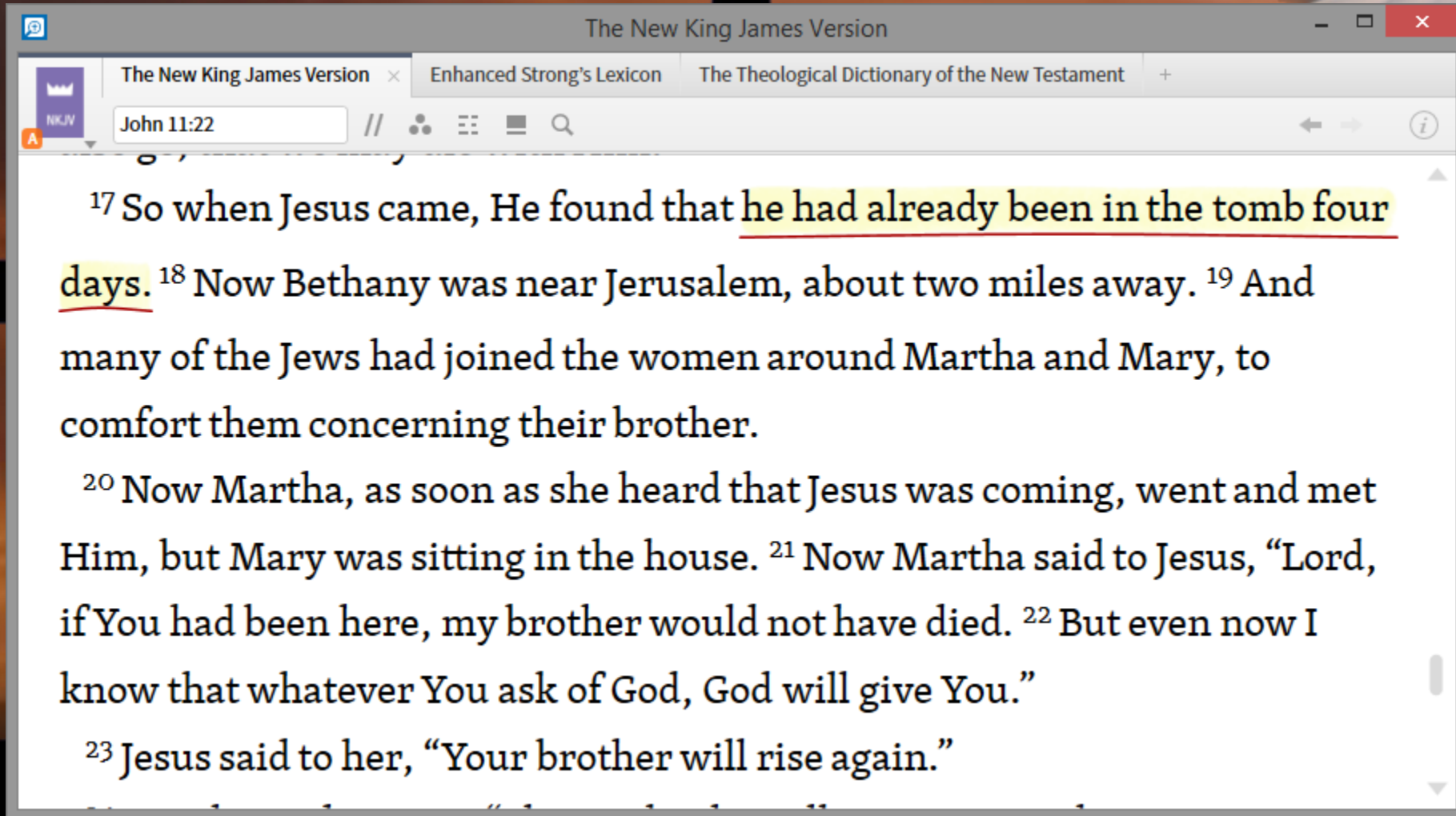
14 Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead." 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."

16 Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us

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John 11:22

¹⁷ So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

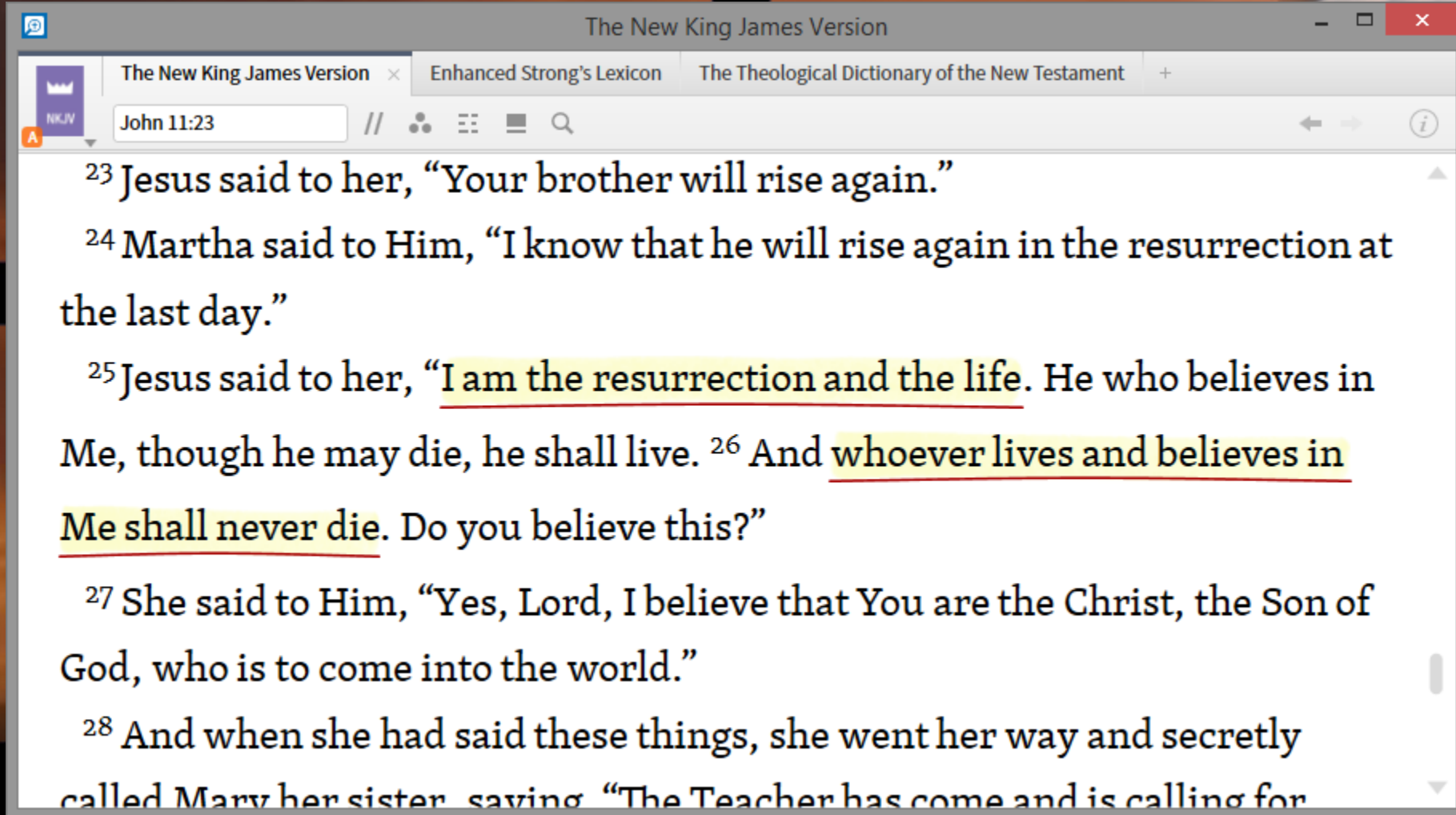
²⁰ Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

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Jesus' ministry: Lazarus

JOHN CH.11-12



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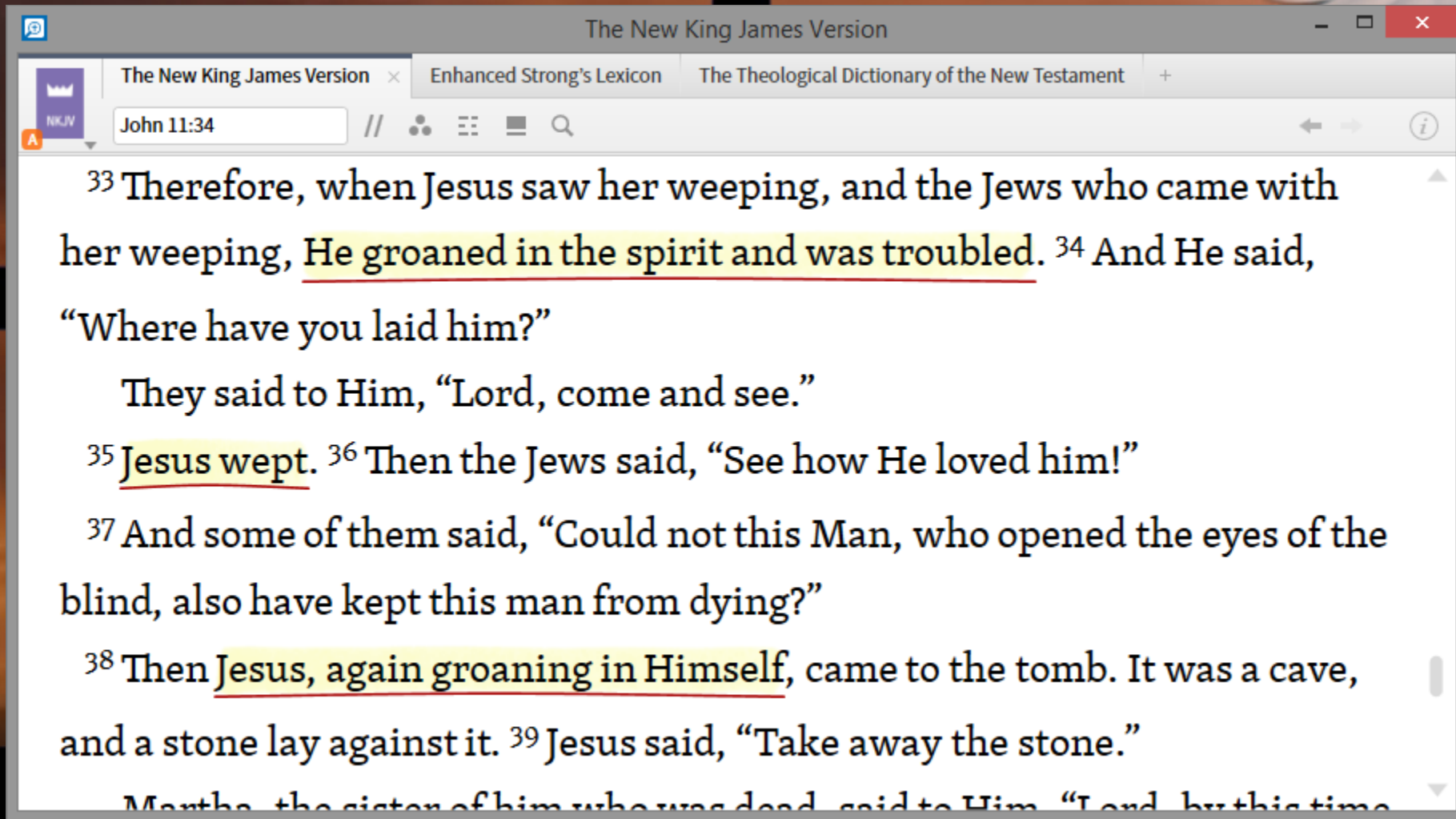
23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."
25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."
28 And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for



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JOHN CH. 11-12



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John 11:34

33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. 34 And He said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

37 And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"

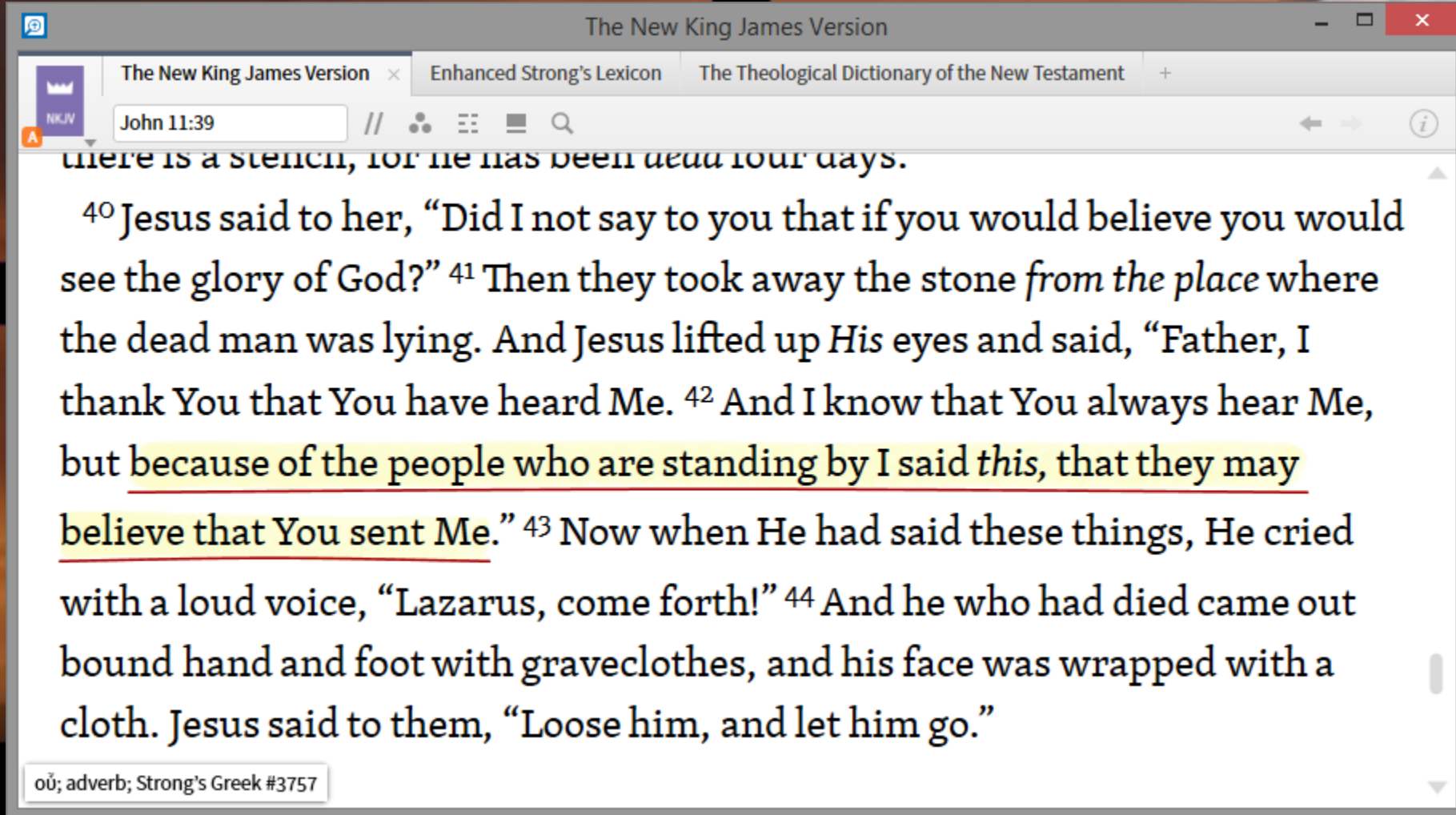
38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time

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JOHN CH. 11-12



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John 11:39

there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" ⁴⁴ And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

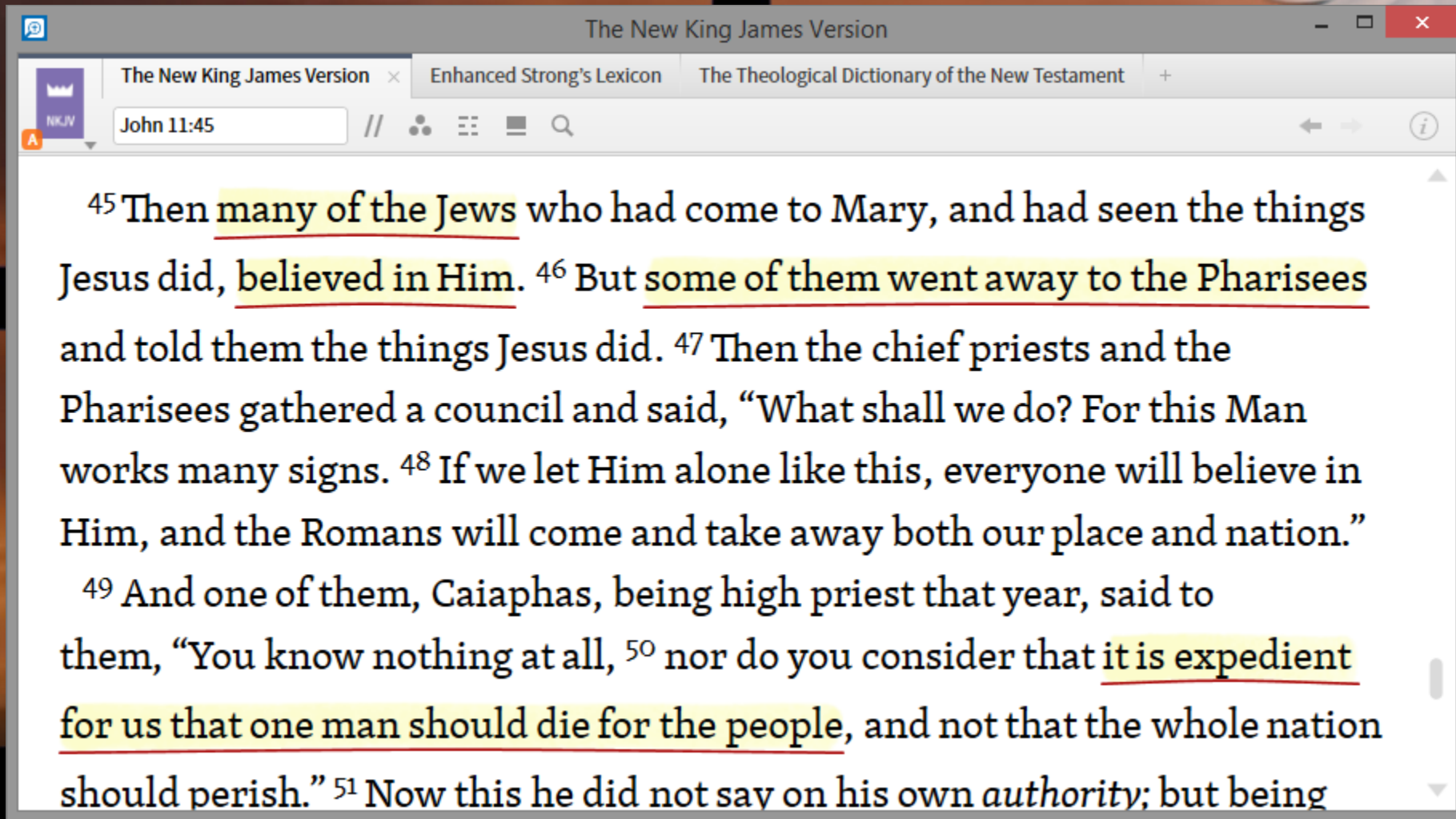
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JOHN CH.11-12



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⁴⁵ Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did. ⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation."

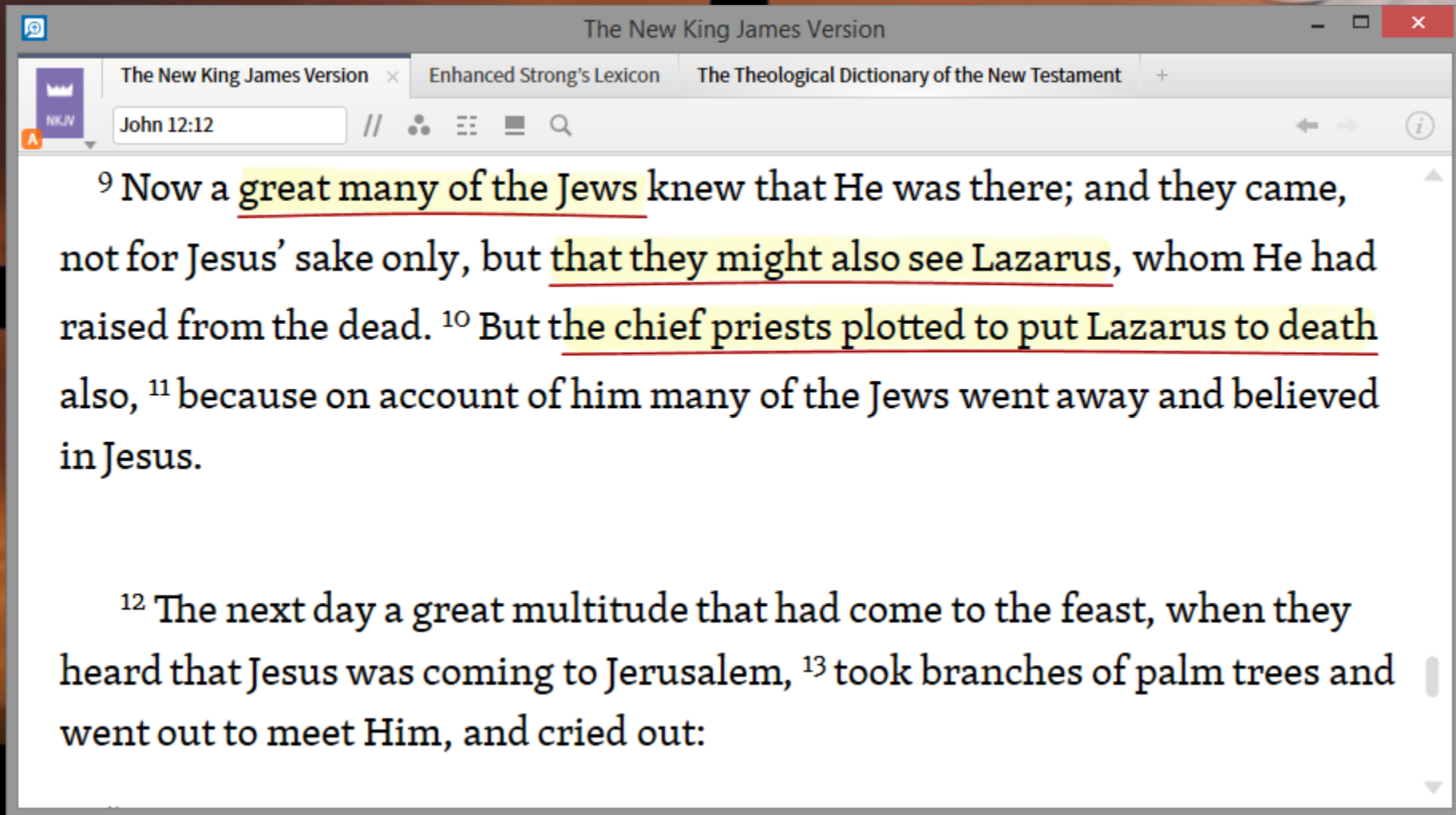
⁴⁹ And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, ⁵⁰ nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹ Now this he did not say on his own *authority*; but being



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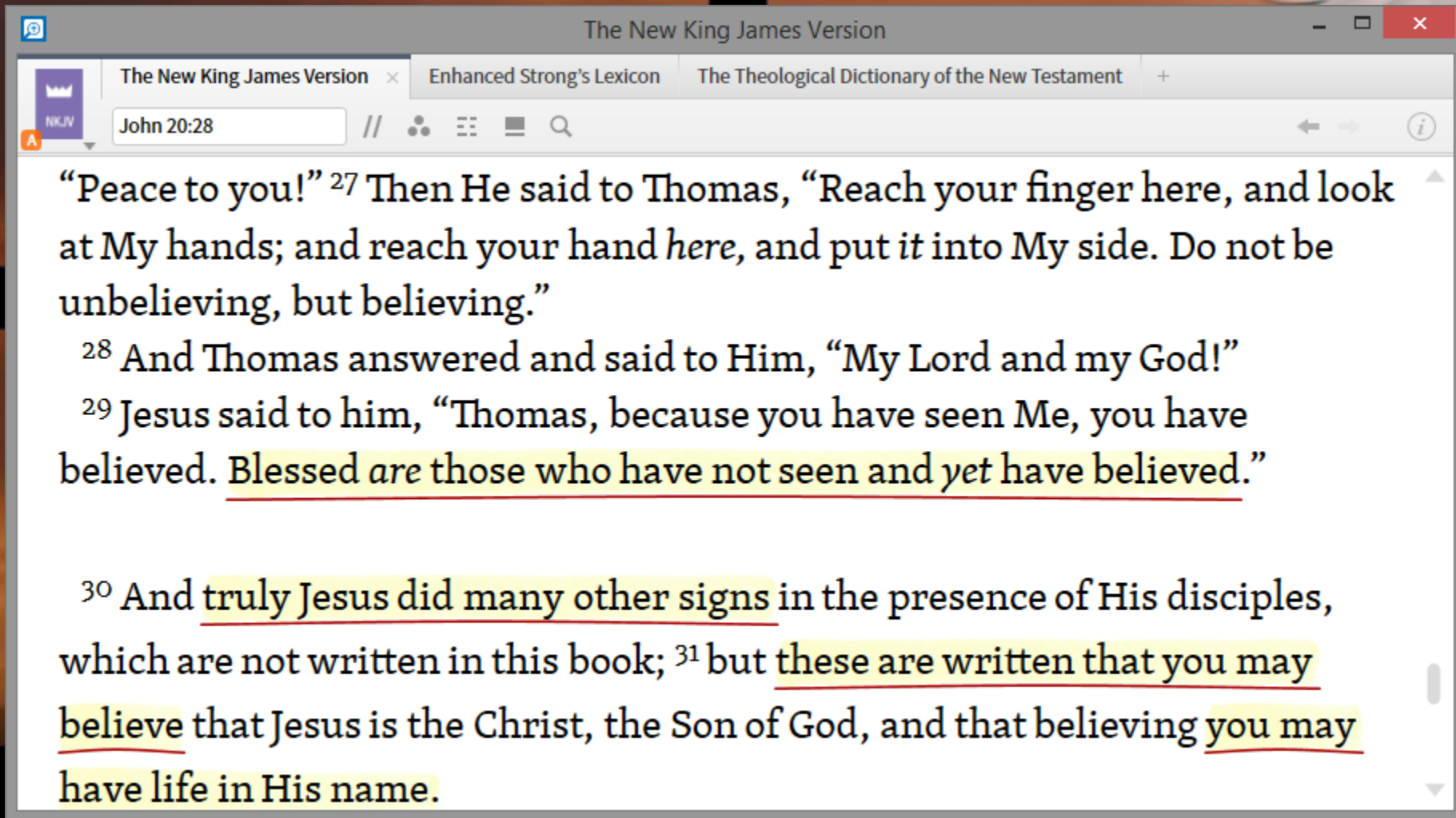
⁹ Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

¹² The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³ took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

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Jesus' ministry: as described by John

JOHN 20:29-31



The New King James Version

John 20:28

“Peace to you!”²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

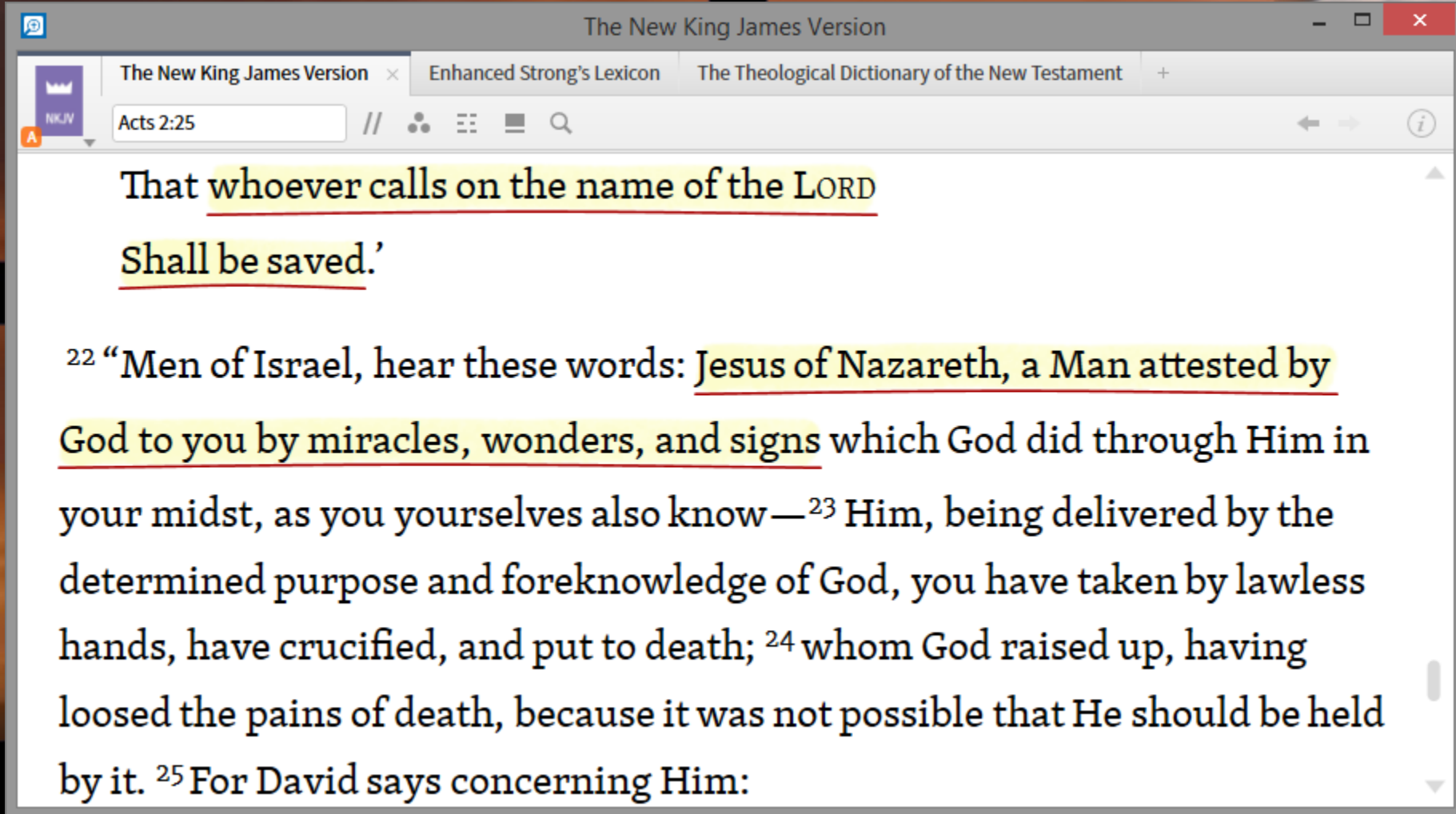
²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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Jesus' ministry: as described by Peter

ACTS 2:21-24



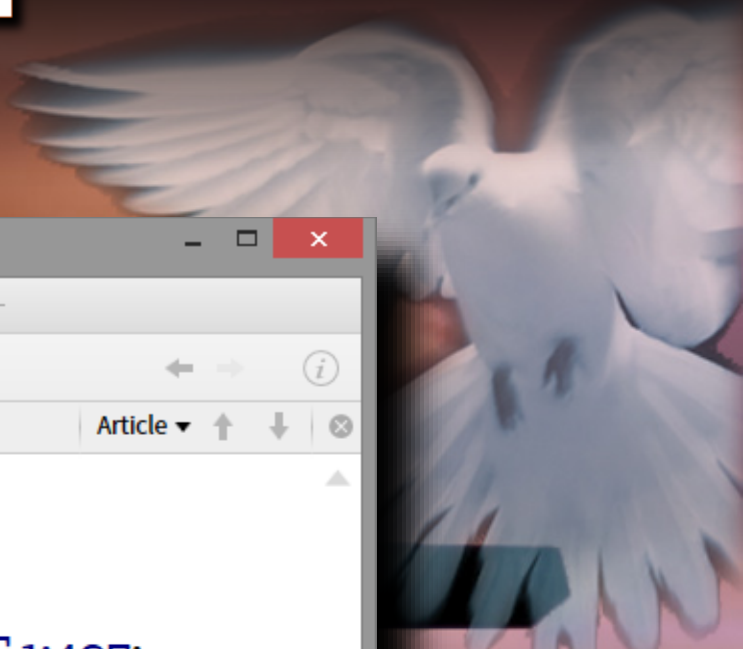
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That whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.

²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by
God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in
your midst, as you yourselves also know—²³ Him, being delivered by the
determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless
hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ whom God raised up, having
loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held
by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning Him:

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Definition of “apostle”



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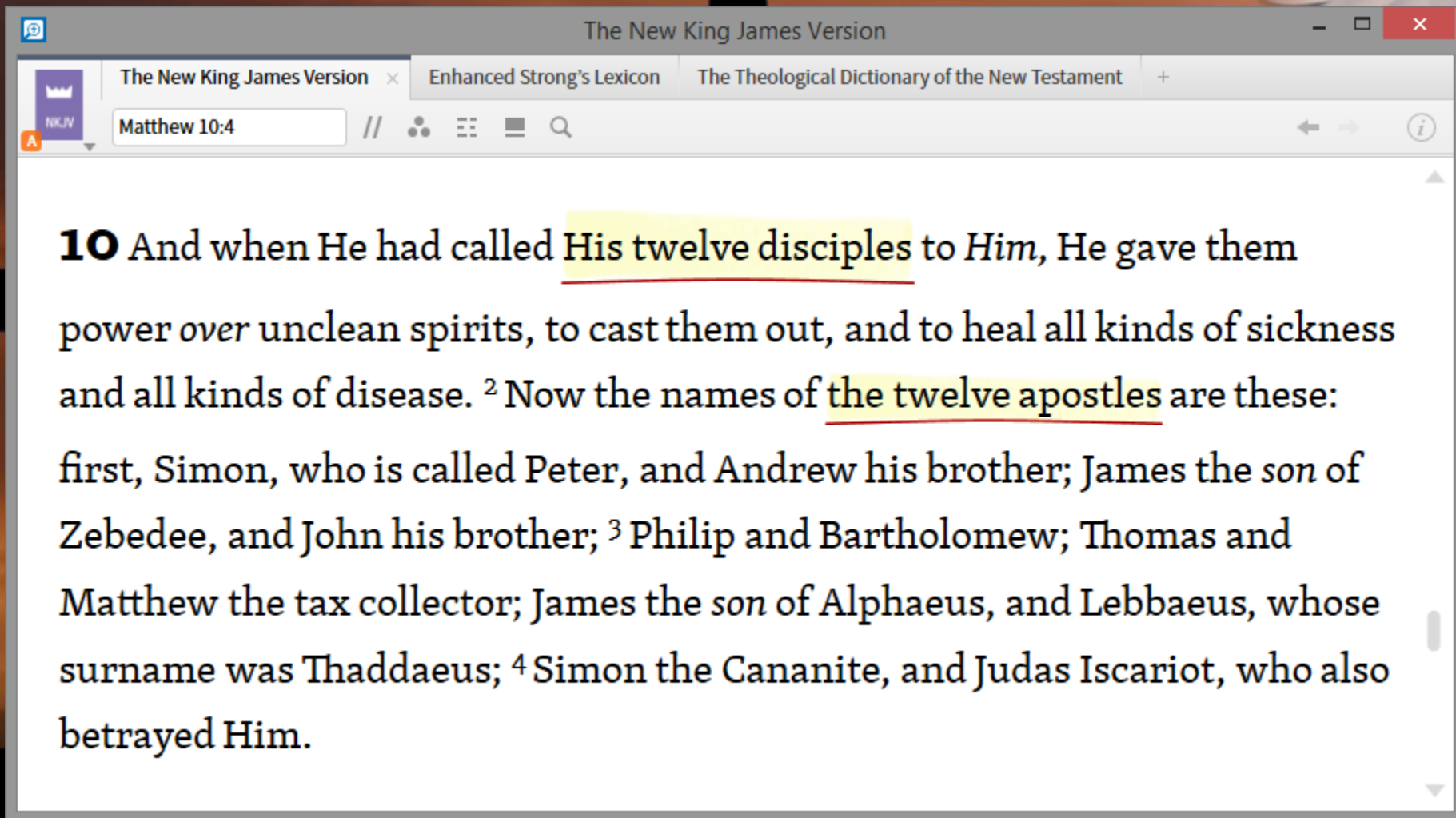
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652 ἀπόστολος [apostolos /ap·os·tol·os/] **n m.** From 649; TDNT 1:407; TDNTA 67; GK 693; 81 occurrences; AV translates as “apostle” 78 times, “messenger” twice, and “he that is sent” once. 1 a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders. 1A specifically applied to the twelve apostles of Christ. 1B in a broader sense applied to other eminent Christian teachers. 1B1 of Barnabas. 1B2 of Timothy and Silvanus.

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THE 12 apostles were unique

MATTHEW 10:1-3



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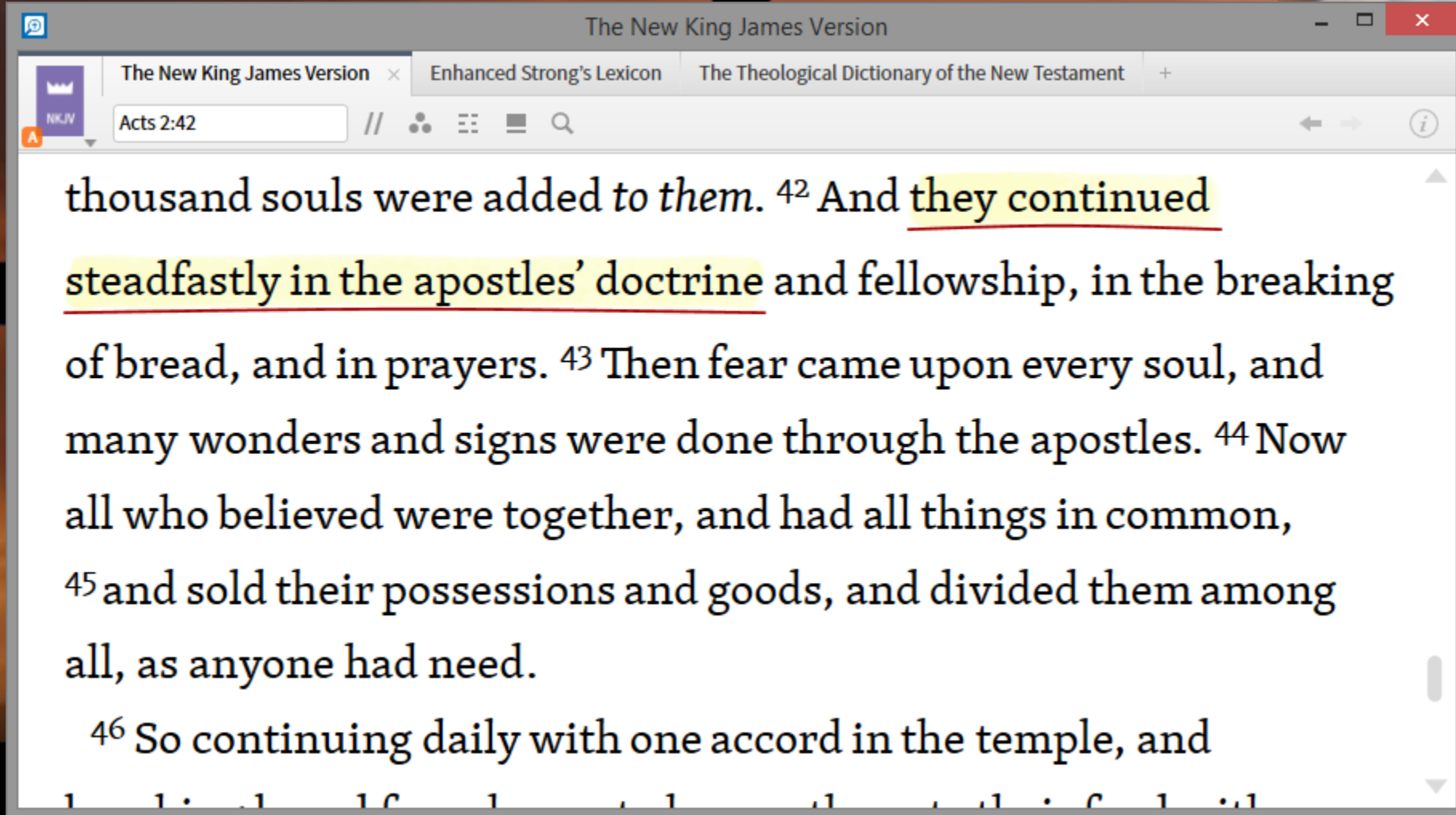
Matthew 10:4

10 And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. ² Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

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Apostle: Someone sent with authority

ACTS 2:42



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thousand souls were added to them. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

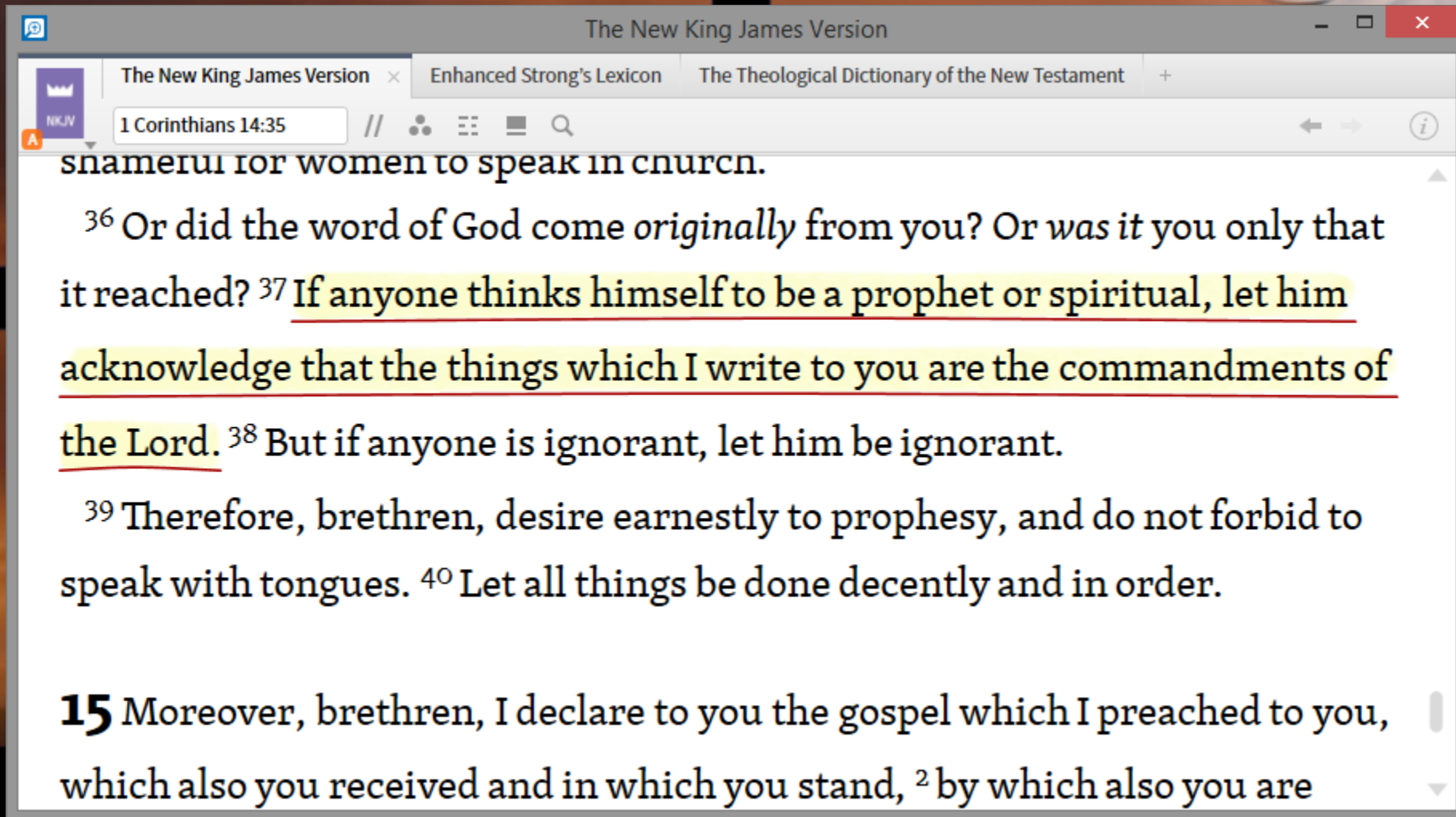
⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and

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Apostle: Someone sent with authority

1 CORINTHIANS 14:37



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1 Corinthians 14:35

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³⁶ Or did the word of God come *originally* from you? Or was it you only that it reached? ³⁷ If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. ³⁸ But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

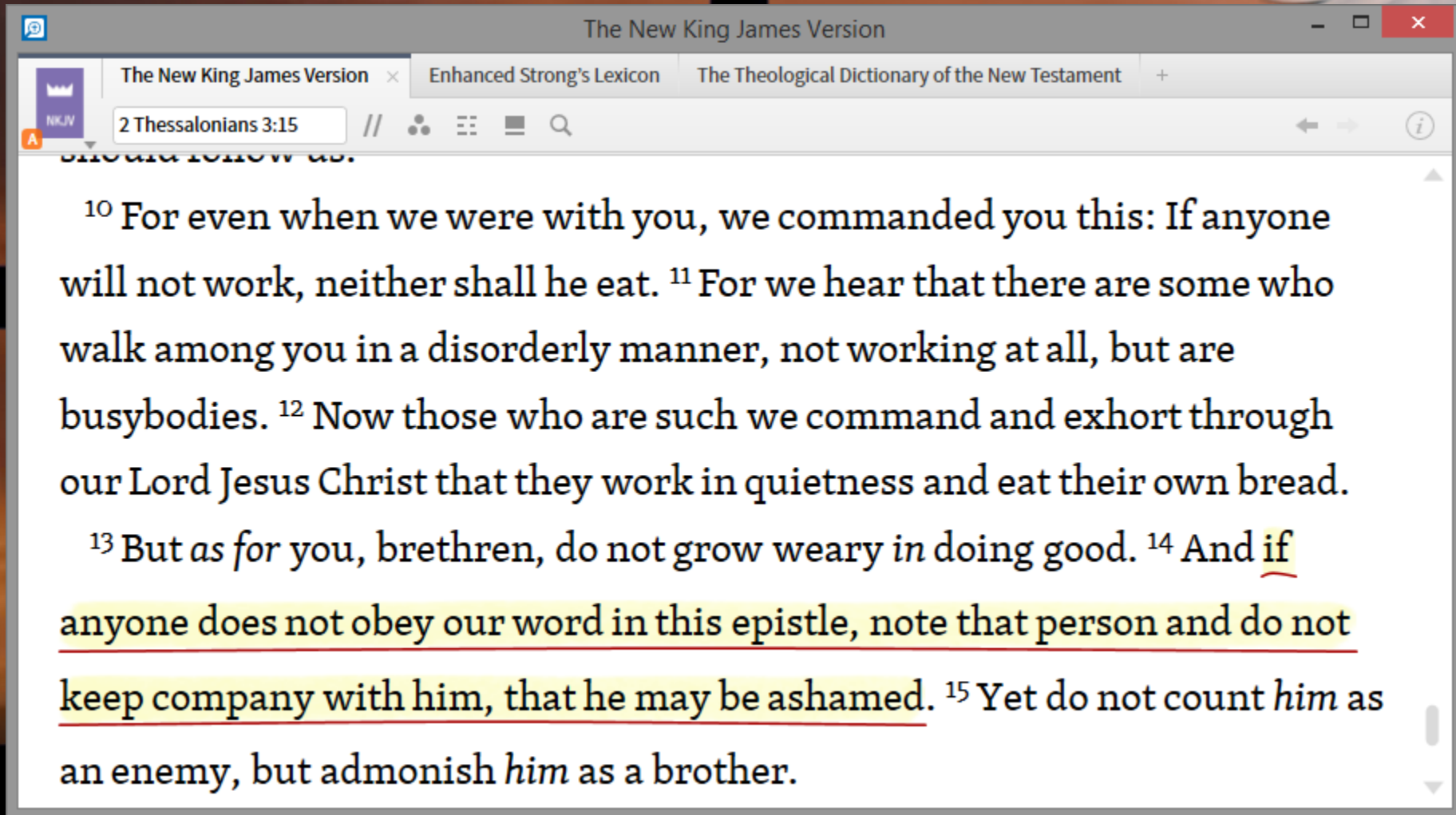
³⁹ Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. ⁴⁰ Let all things be done decently and in order.

15 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are

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Apostle: Someone sent with authority

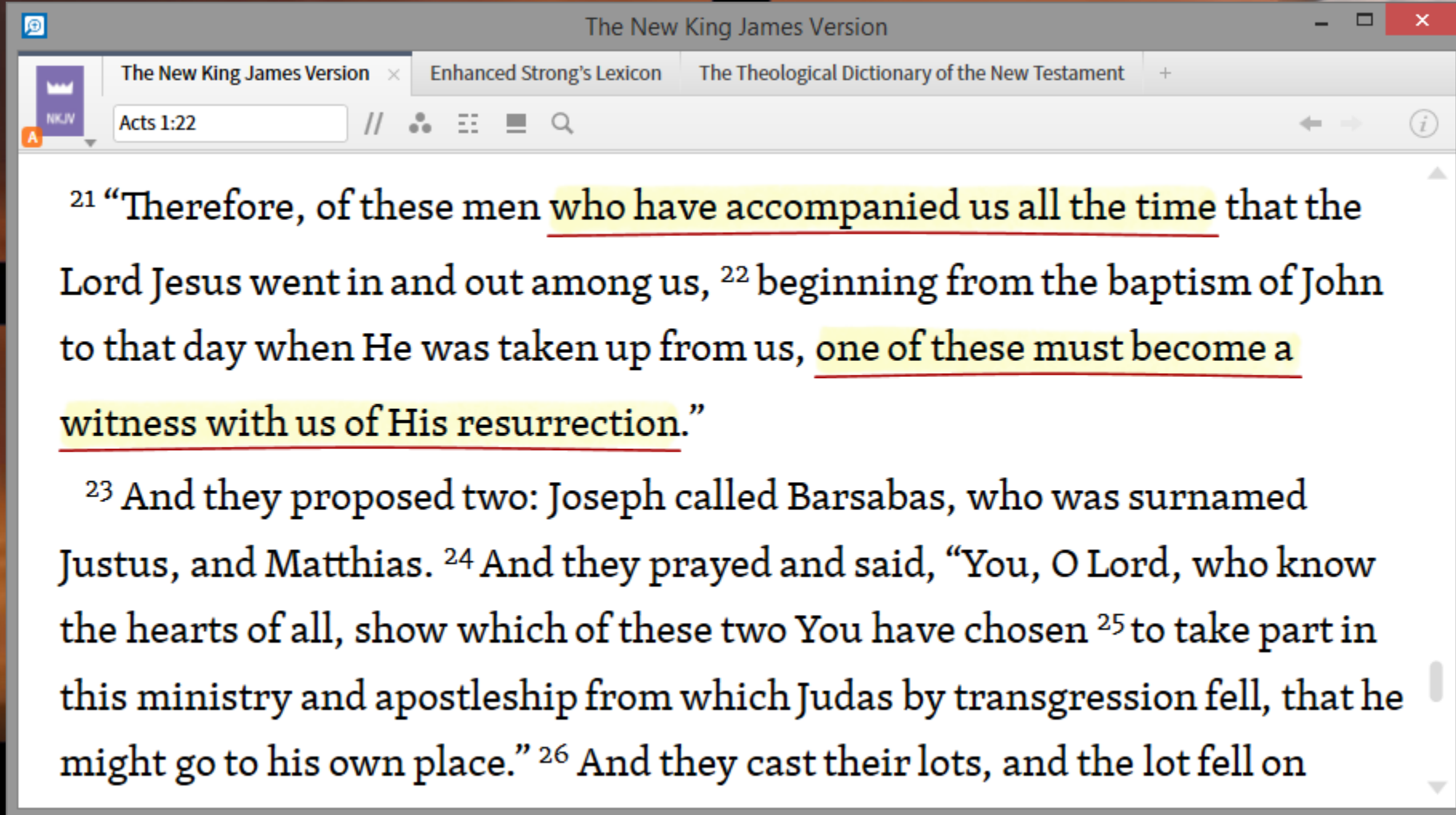
1 THESSALONIANS 2:13



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Qualifications: Eye witness of the resurrection

ACTS 1:21-26



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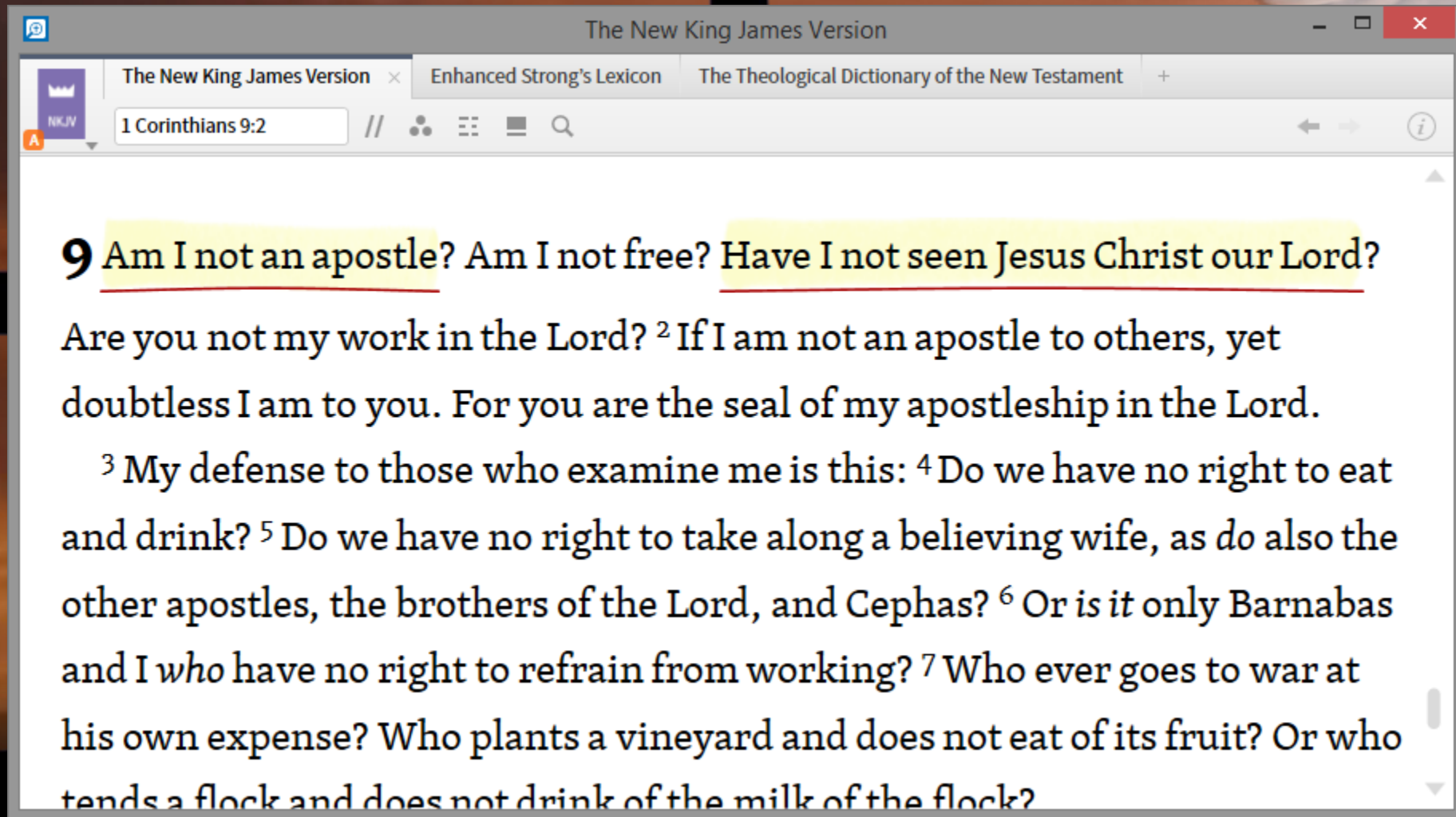
²¹ "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."

²³ And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on

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Qualifications: Eye witness of the resurrection

1 CORINTHIANS 9:1



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1 Corinthians 9:2

9 Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?

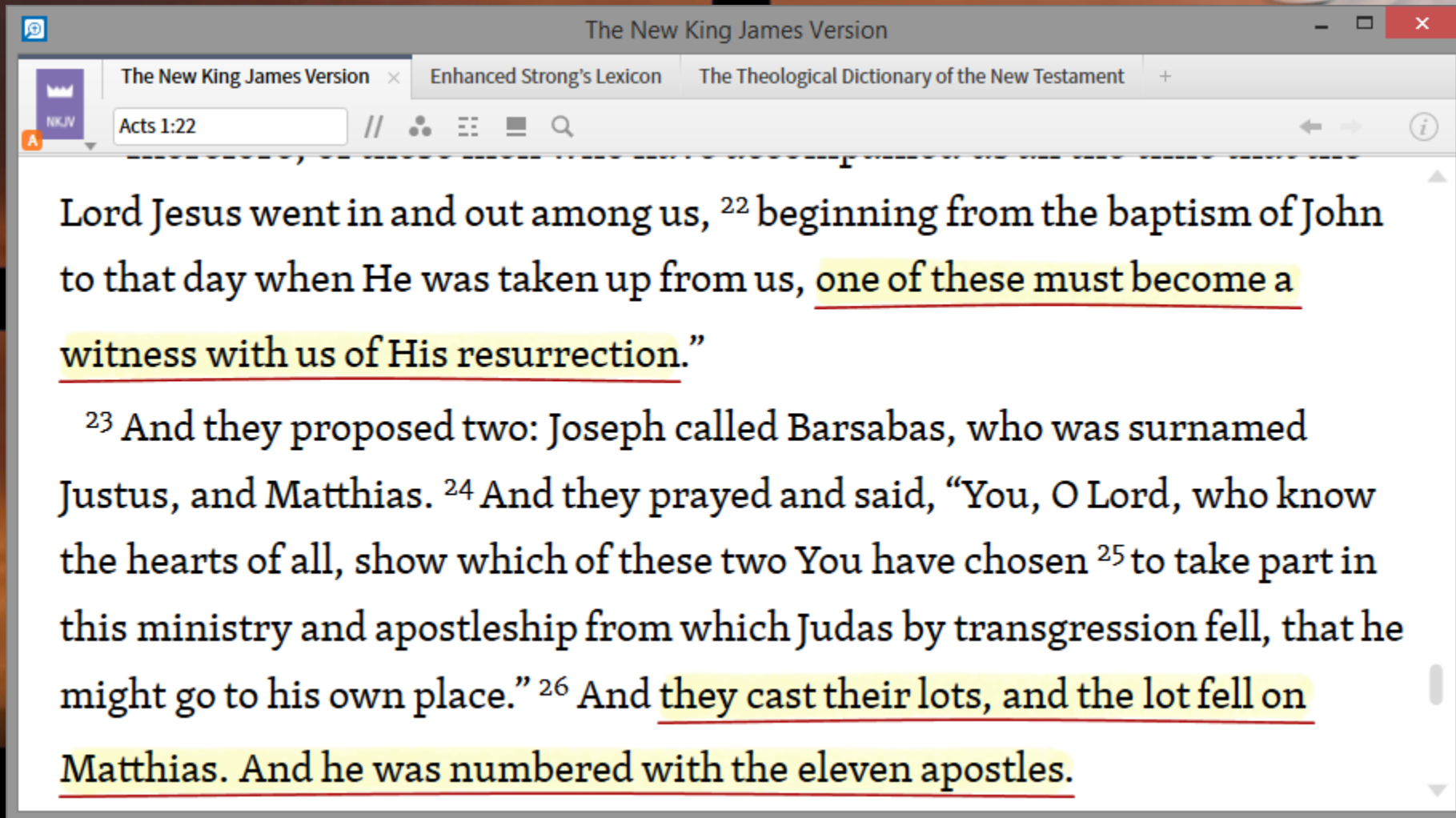
Are you not my work in the Lord? ² If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

³ My defense to those who examine me is this: ⁴ Do we have no right to eat and drink? ⁵ Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? ⁶ Or is it only Barnabas and I *who* have no right to refrain from working? ⁷ Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

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Qualifications: Personally chosen by Christ

ACTS 1:21-22



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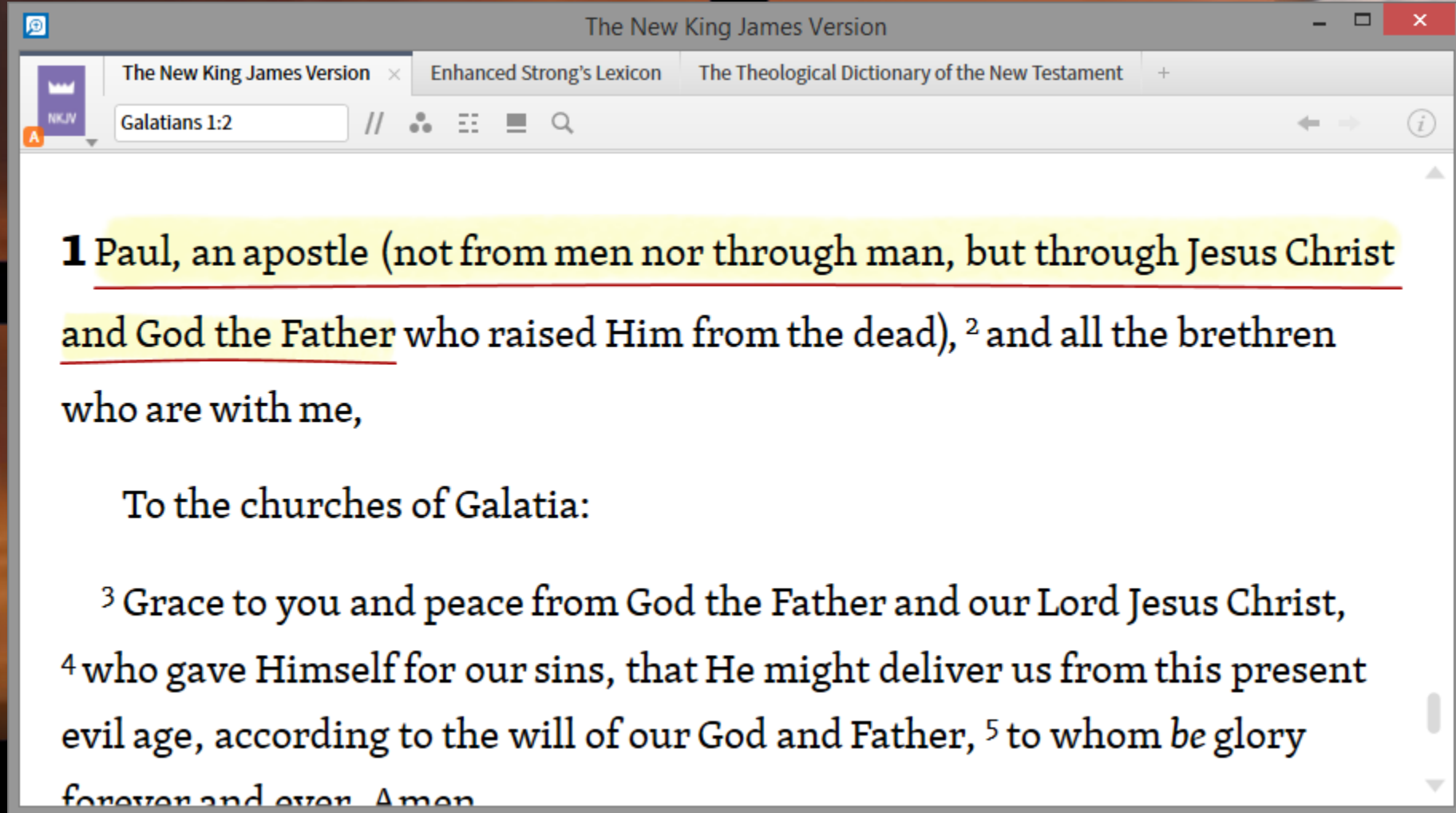
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Qualifications: Personally chosen by Christ

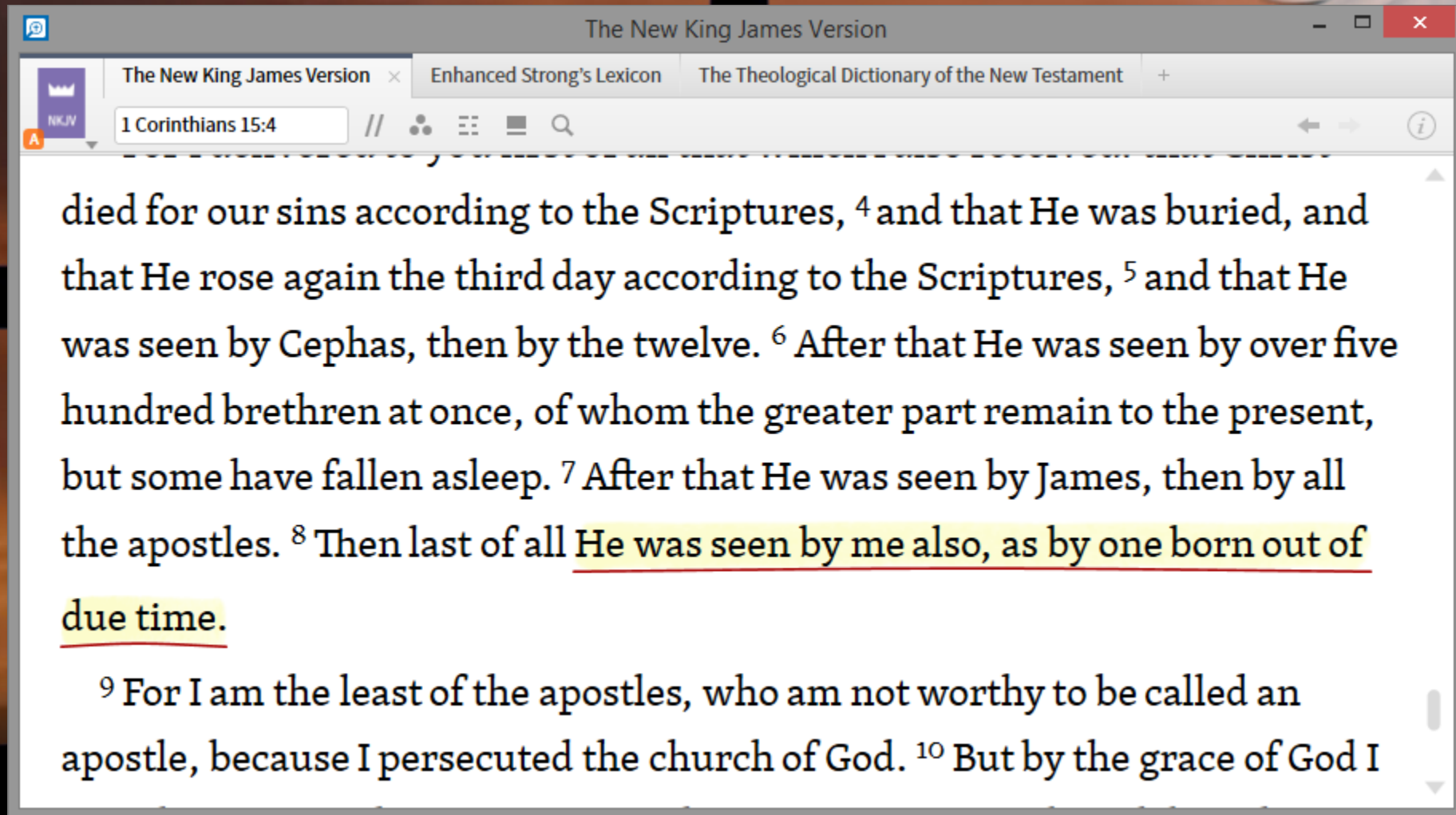
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Qualifications: Paul was a special case

1 CORINTHIANS 15:8



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1 Corinthians 15:4

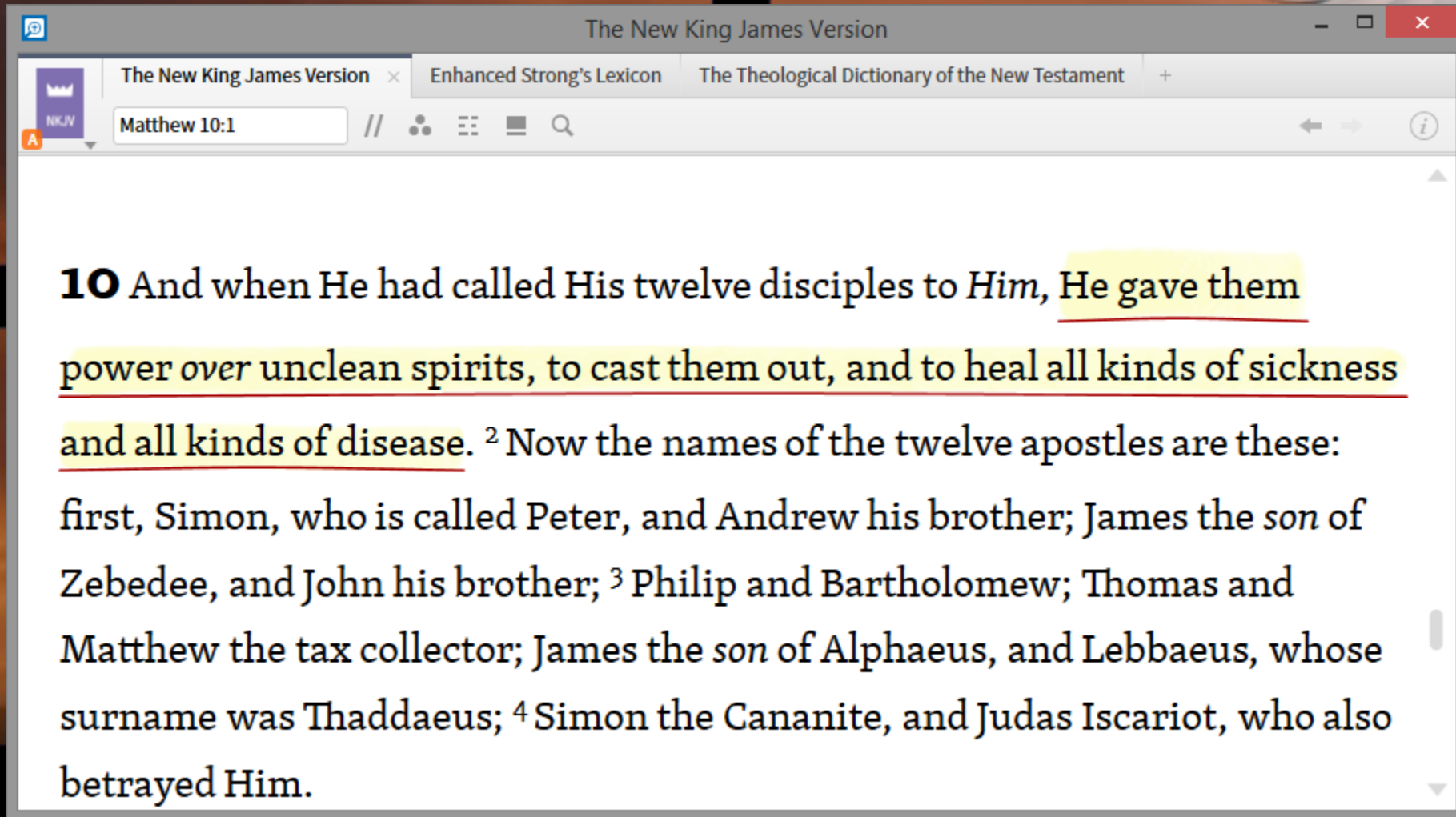
died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I

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Qualifications: Signs and wonders

MATTHEW 10:1



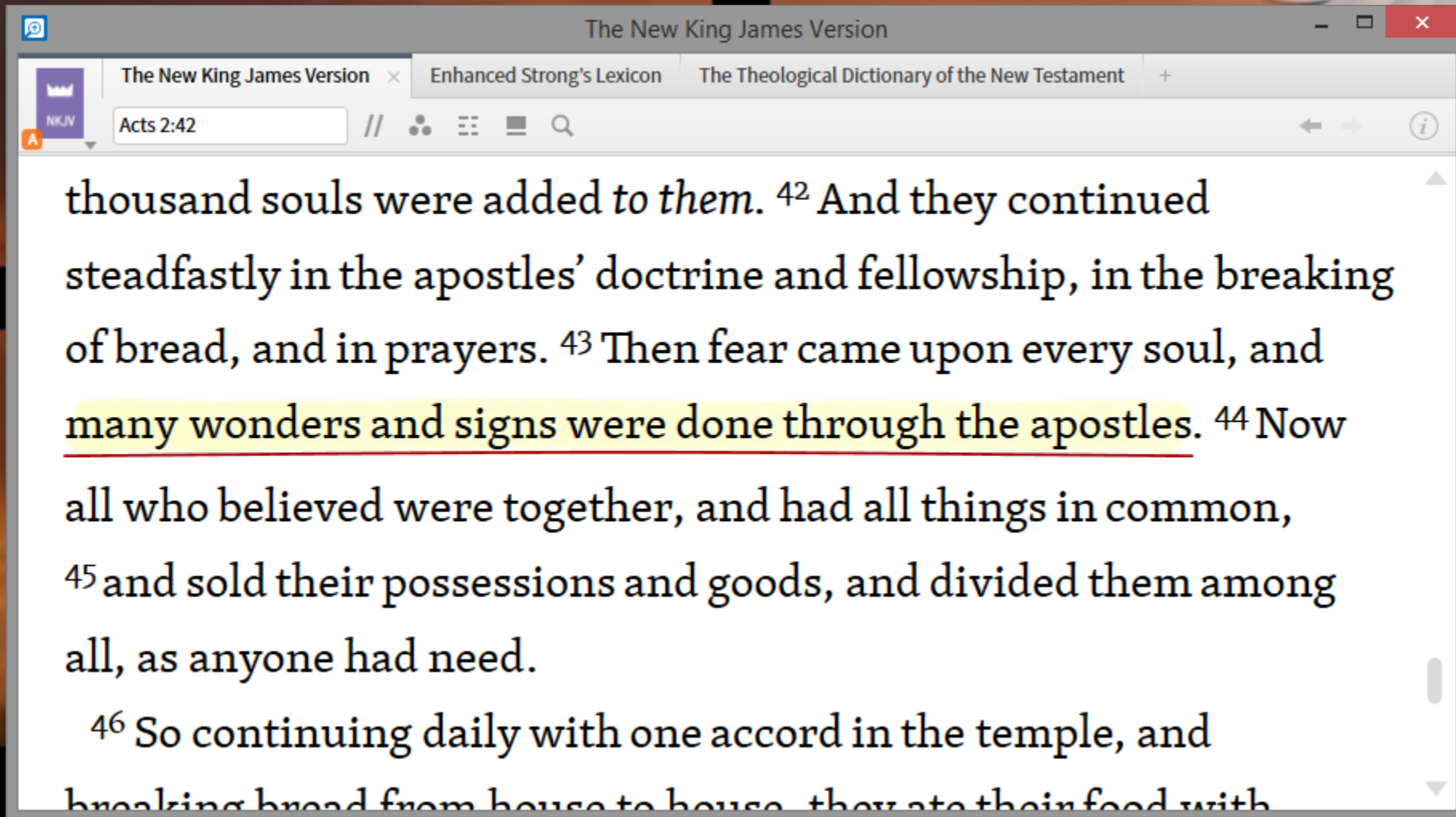
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10 And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. ² Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

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Qualifications: Signs and wonders

ACTS 2:43

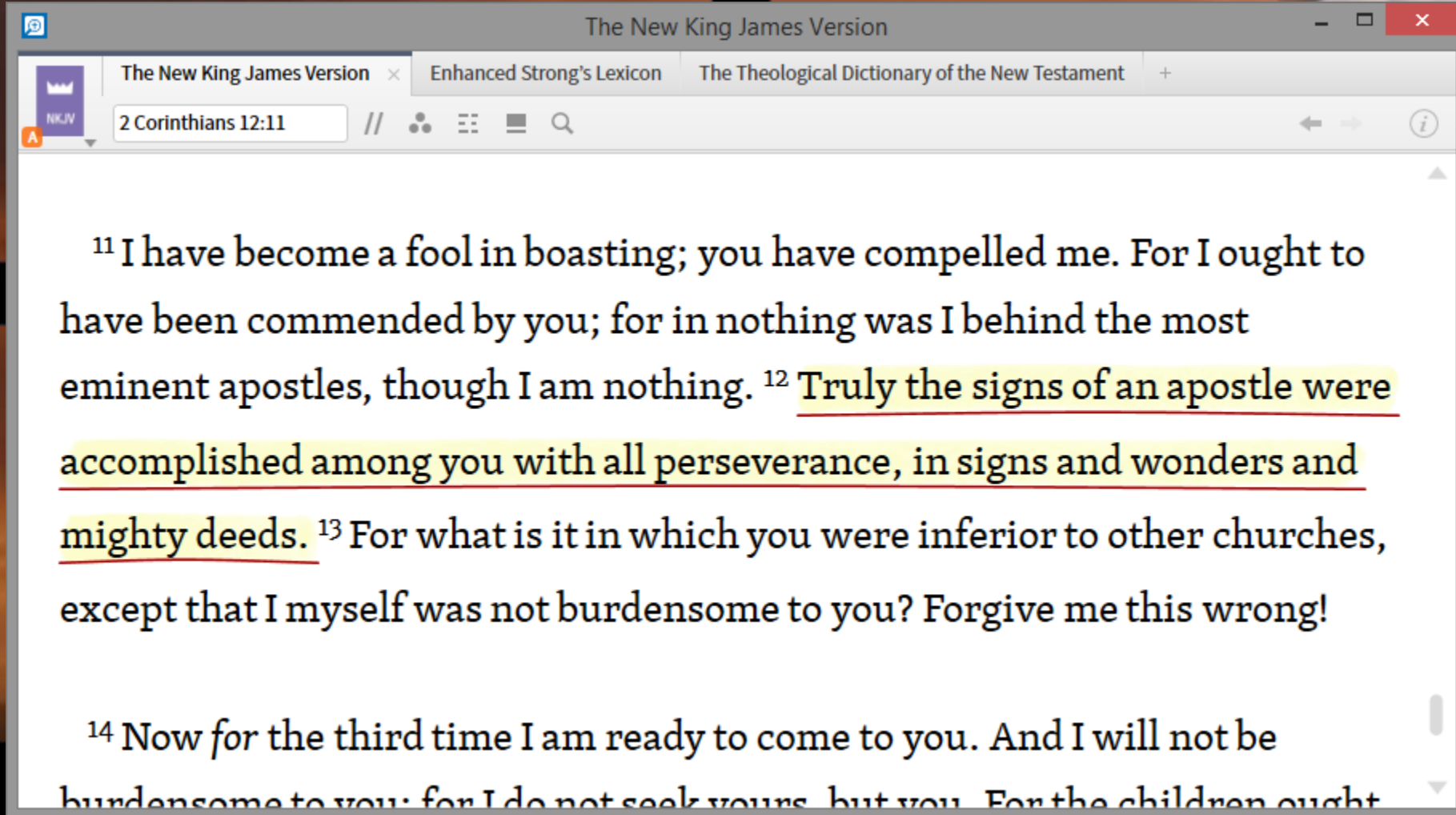


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Qualifications: Signs and wonders

2 CORINTHIANS 12:12

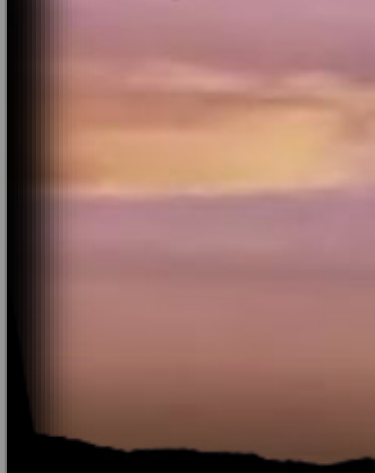


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¹¹ I have become a fool in boasting; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing. ¹² Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds. ¹³ For what is it in which you were inferior to other churches, except that I myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this wrong!

¹⁴ Now *for* the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought

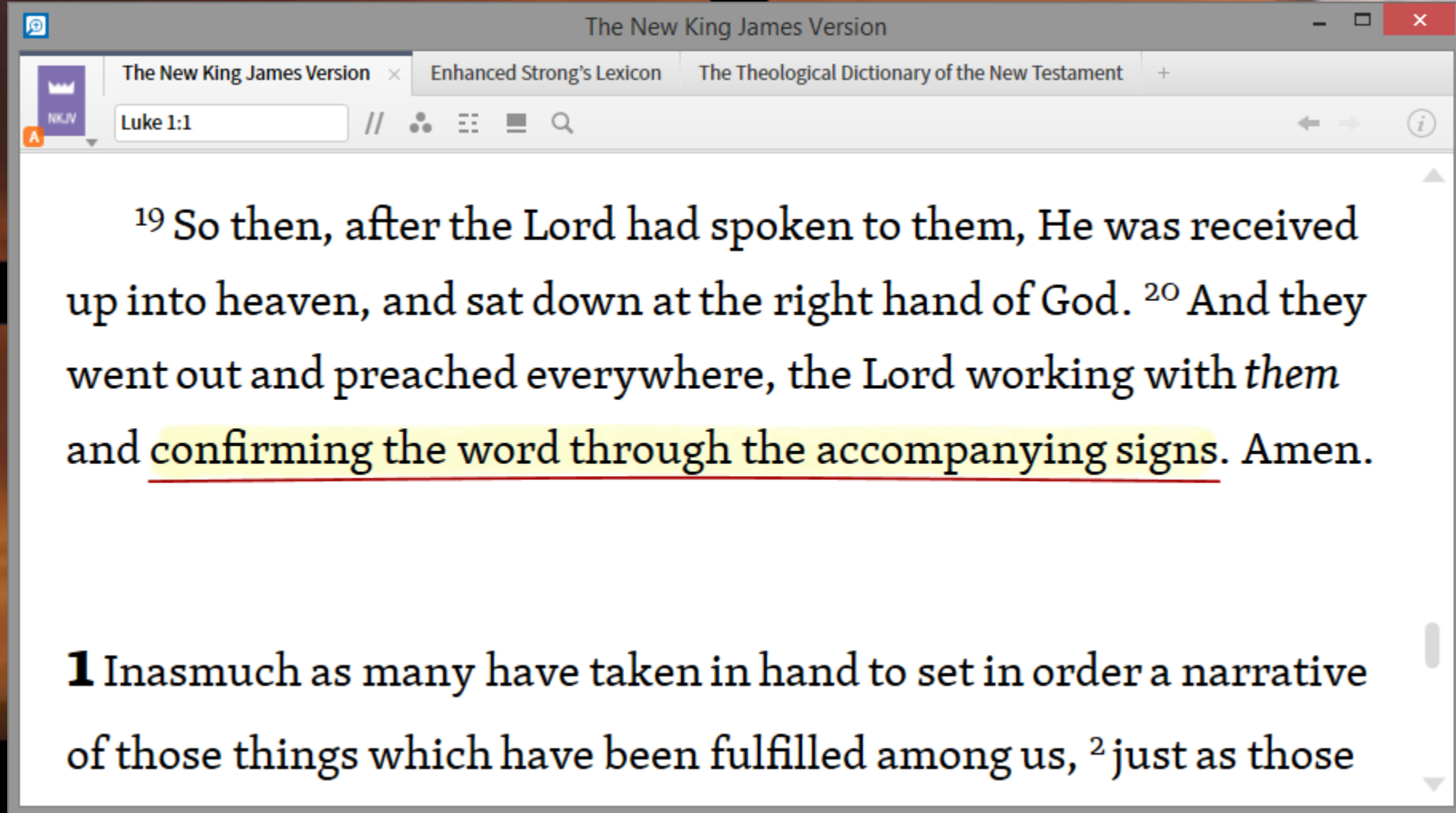
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MARK 16:19-20



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¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

1 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, ² just as those

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Other apostles? The 70

LUKE 10:1-20

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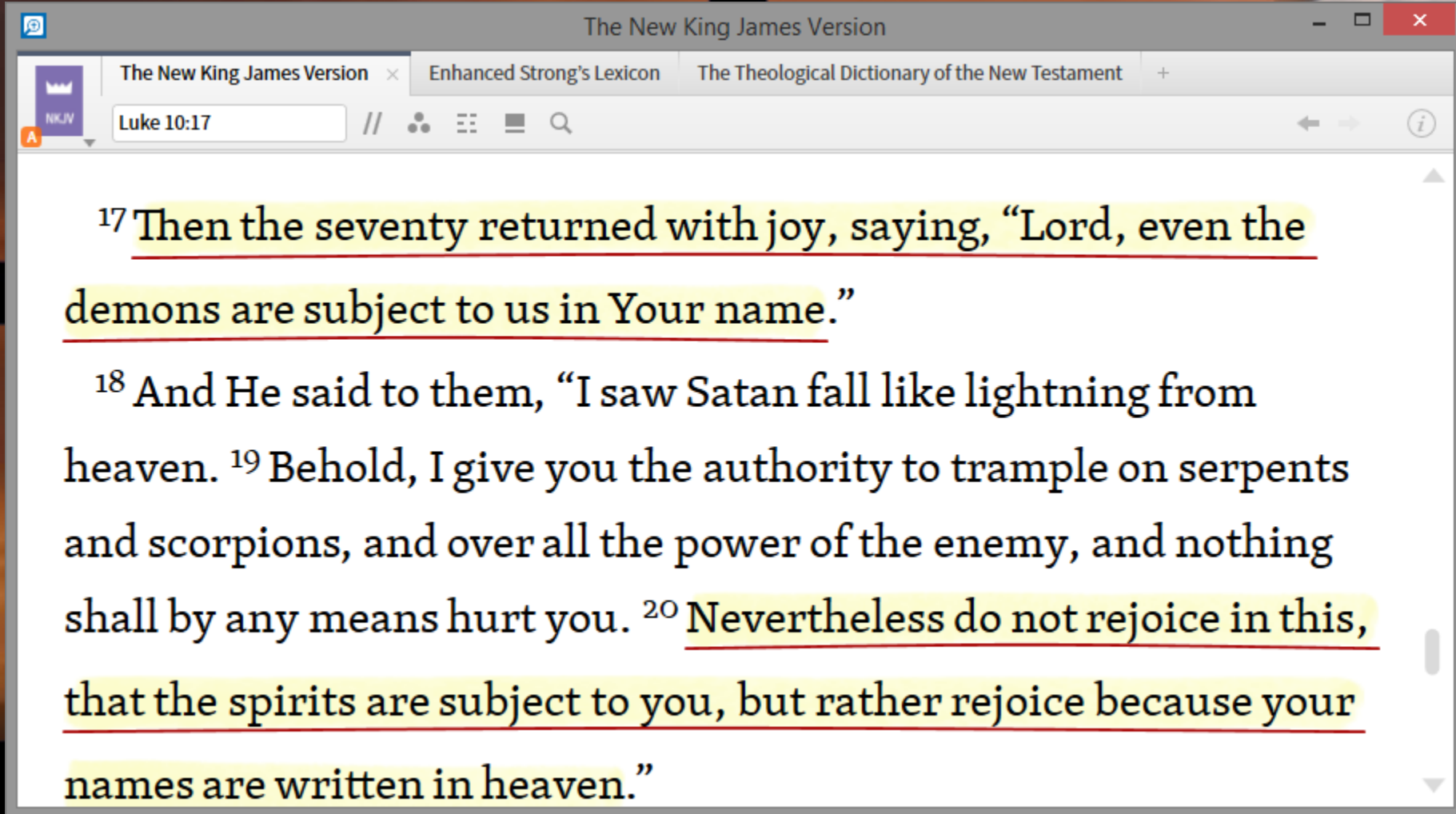
Luke 10:1

10 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ² Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. ⁵ But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this

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Other apostles? The 70

LUKE 10:1-20



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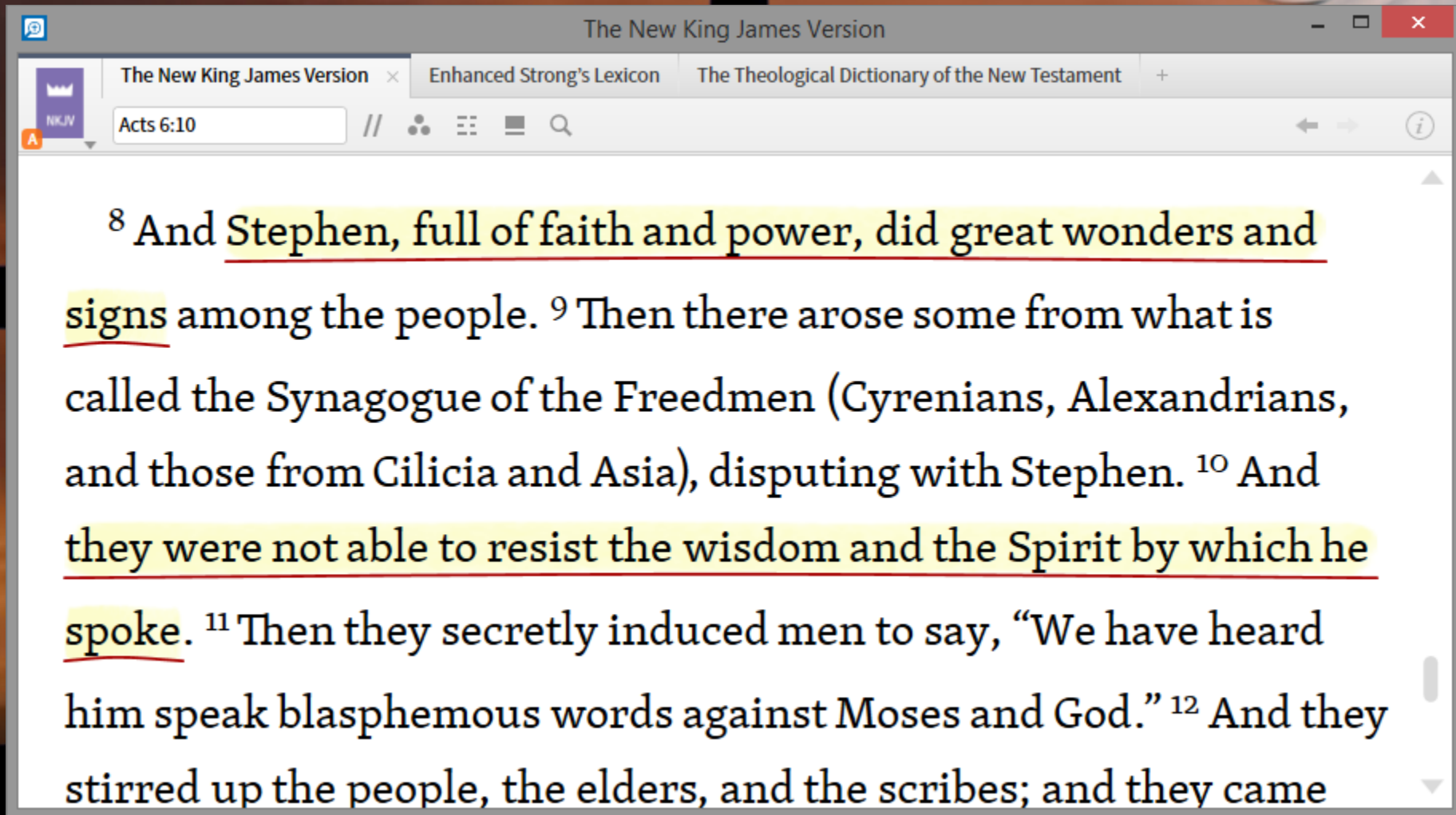
¹⁷ Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

¹⁸ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

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Other apostles? Stephen

ACTS 6:8-10



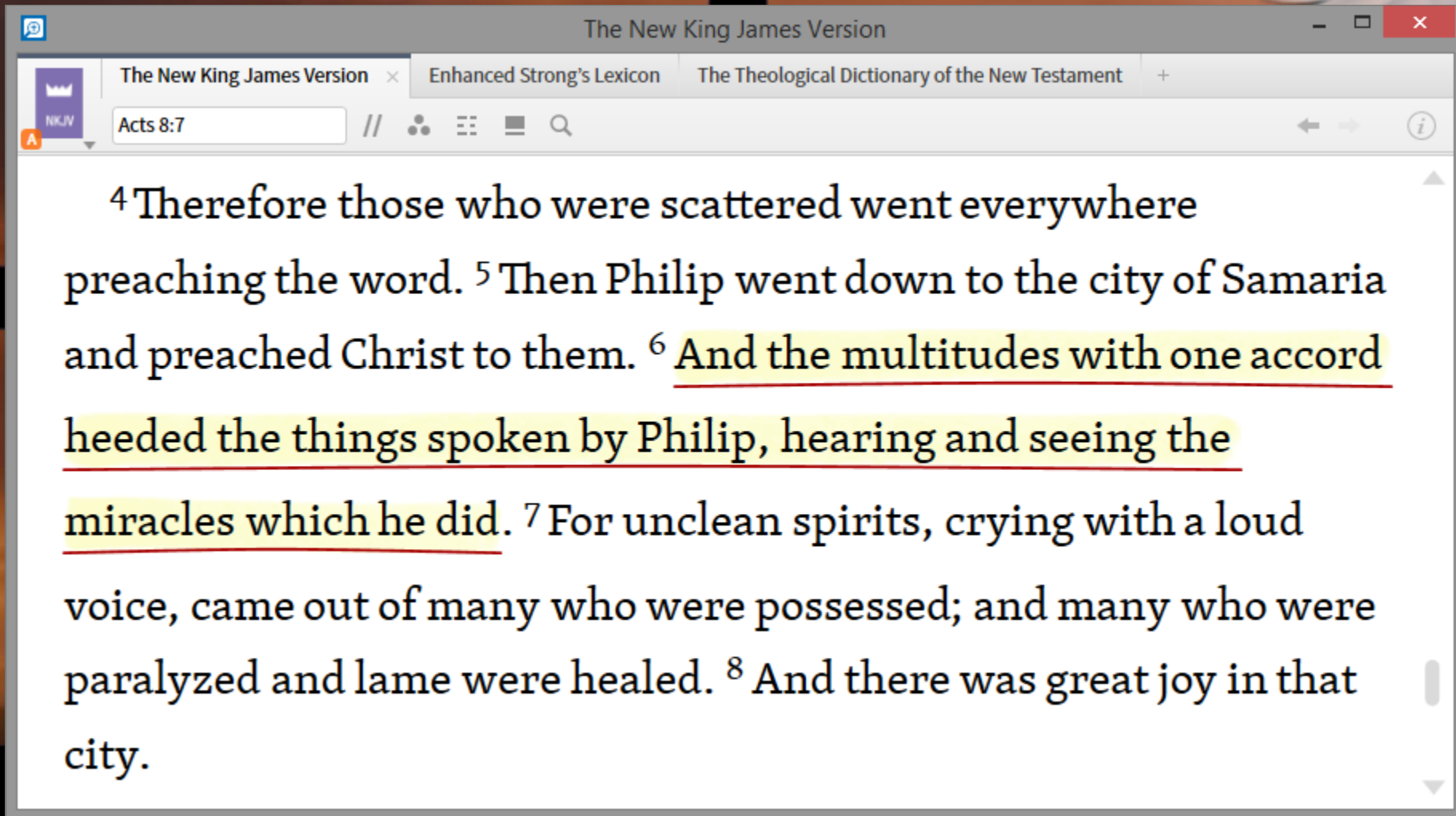
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8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. 10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. 11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." 12 And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came

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SIGNS & WONDERS IN THE NT

Other apostles? Philip

ACTS 8:4-7



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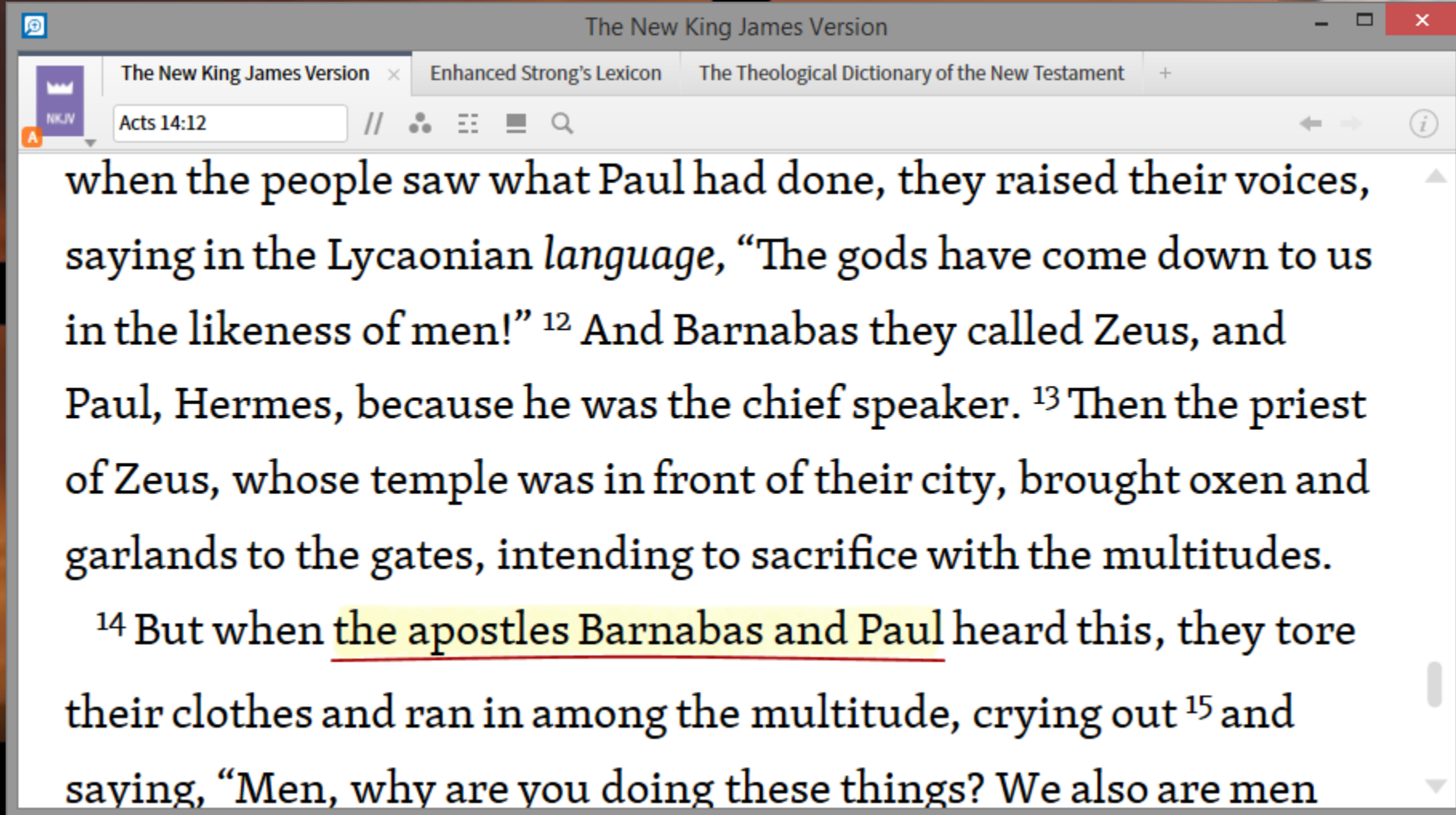
⁴ Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. ⁵ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. ⁶ And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸ And there was great joy in that city.

The text is displayed in a serif font. The highlighted text in the original image is: "And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did." The background of the application window is a light gray, and the text is black. The window has standard OS controls (minimize, maximize, close) in the top right corner.

SIGNS & WONDERS IN THE NT

Other apostles? Barnabas

ACTS 14:14



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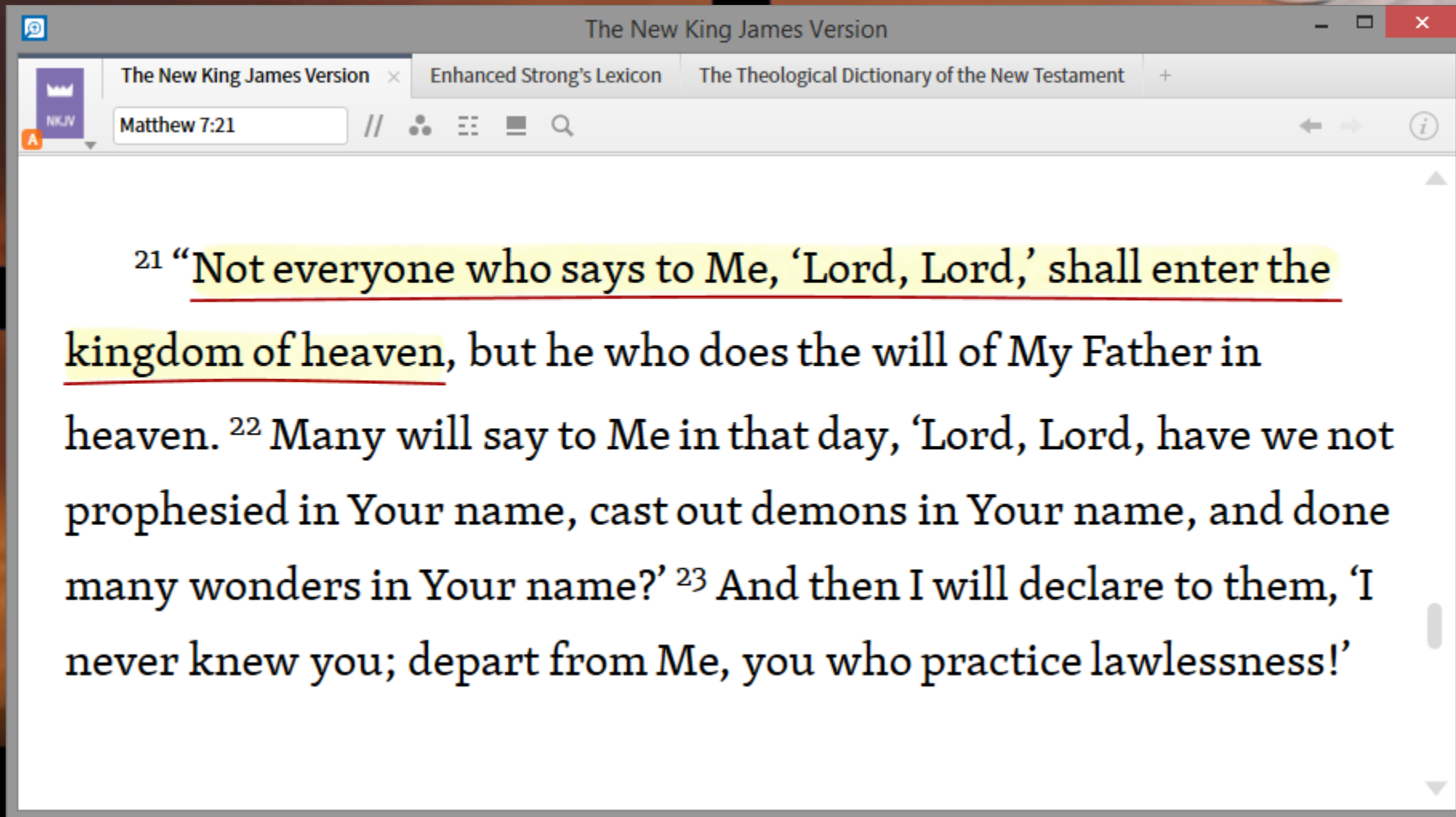
when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian *language*, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹² And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes.

¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out ¹⁵ and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men

SIGNS & WONDERS IN THE NT

False apostles?

MATTHEW 7:21-23



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²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

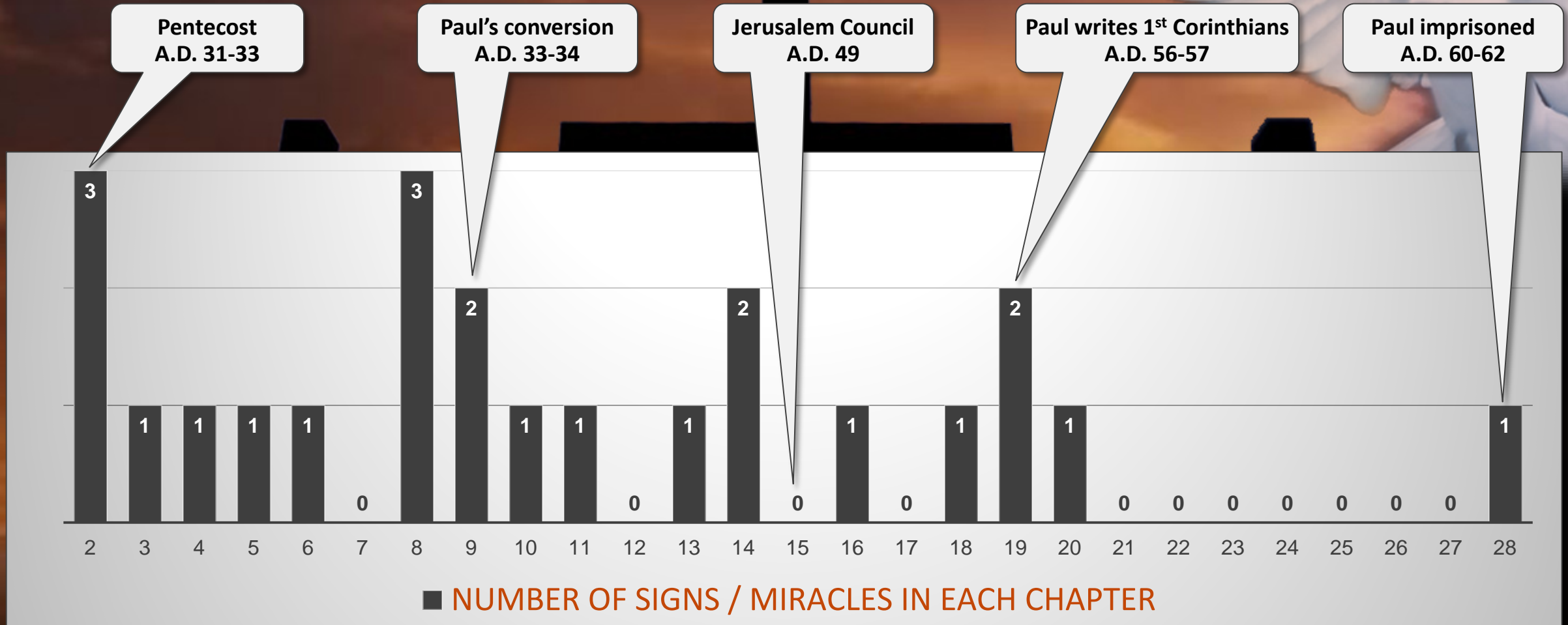
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Places of ministry in Acts

Time frame (approximately A.D. 30 – 60)	30 yrs
Places of ministry	25
where signs and wonders mentioned (including tongues)	16
where an apostle / apostolic appointee was involved	15
where someone else is involved (Ananias: Acts 9)	1
where only speaking in tongues is mentioned	3
Last recorded miracle (Acts 28)	A.D. 59-60

SIGNS & WONDERS IN THE NT

Distribution of miracles in Acts 2-28



SIGNS & WONDERS IN THE NT

Relative emphasis on signs and wonders

Total # of books (Romans – Revelation)	22
Books with signs / wonders mentioned	7
signs / wonders from God mentioned	6
signs / wonders of satanic / demonic origin	1
Books with tongues mentioned	1
Books with a specific sign / wonder mentioned	0

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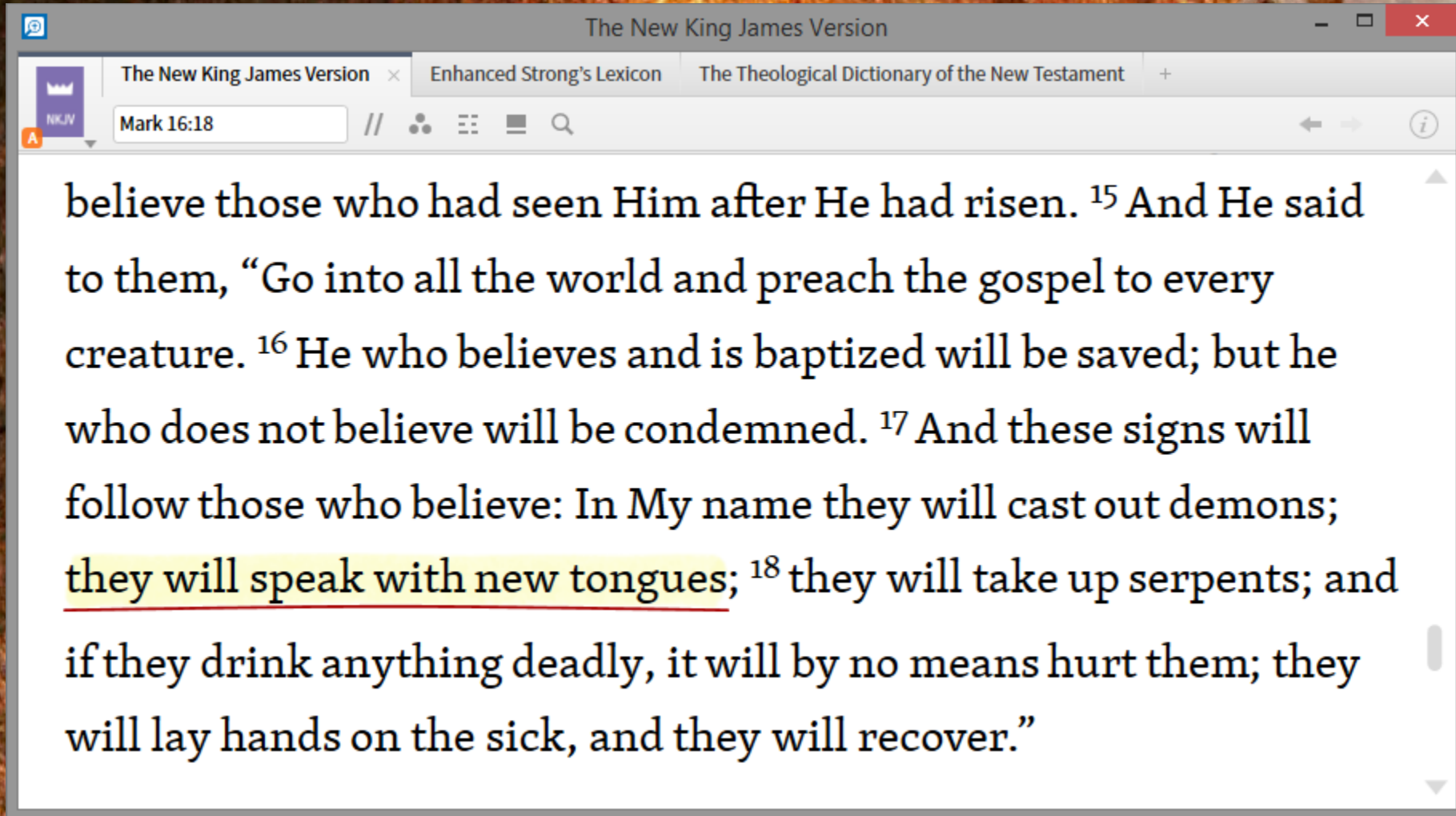
Relative emphasis on signs and wonders

Total # of chapters related to church age (Romans-Rev 3)	124
Chapters with signs/wonders mentioned	7
signs / wonders from God mentioned	6
signs / wonders of satanic / demonic origin	1
Chapters with tongues mentioned	3
Chapters indicating signs and wonders will continue	0
Chapters indicating signs and wonders will cease	1

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Mark 16:17-20 (A.D. 30)

MARK 16:17-18

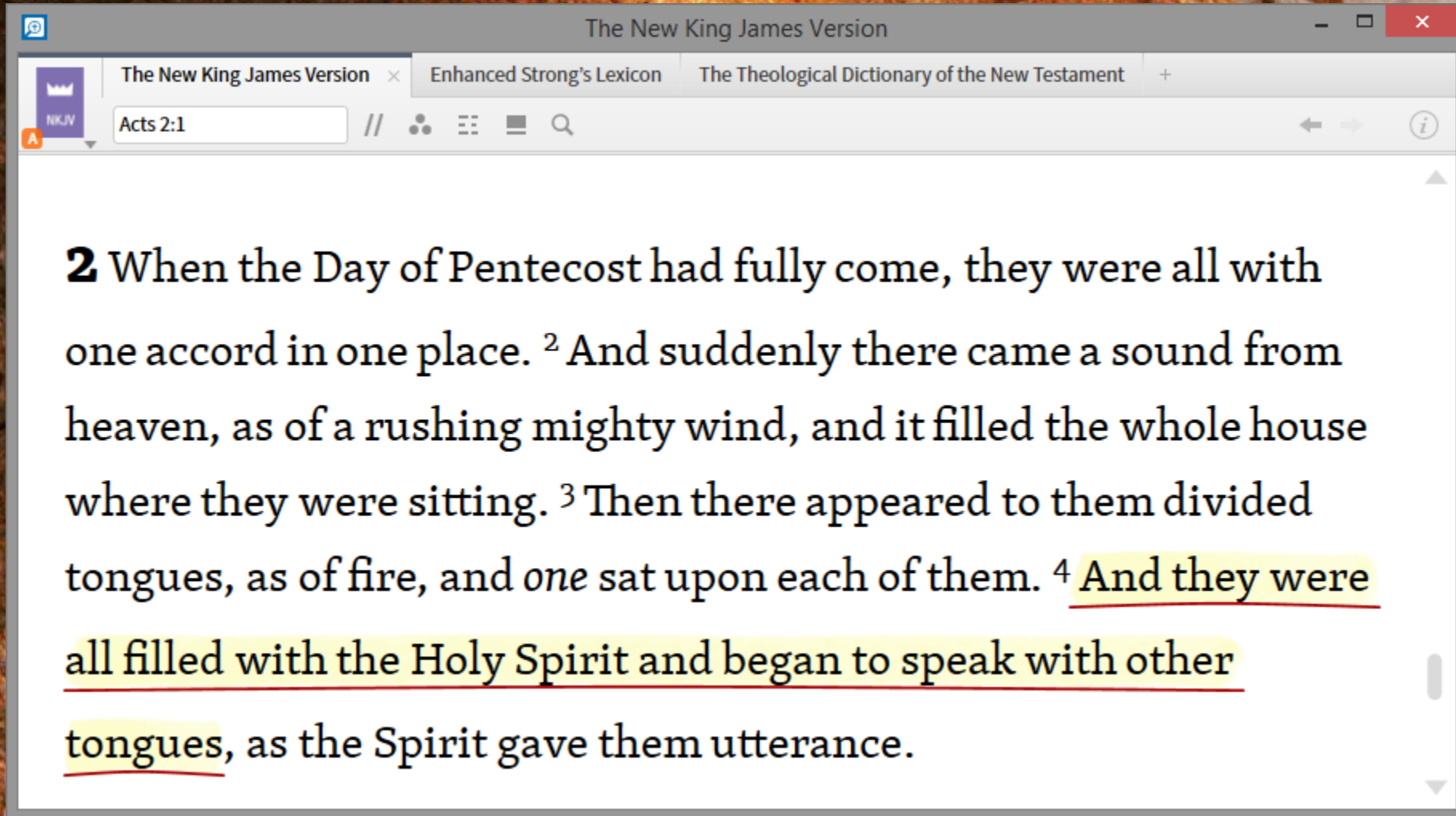


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Acts 2:1-24 (A.D. 30 – a few weeks later)

ACTS 2:1-24



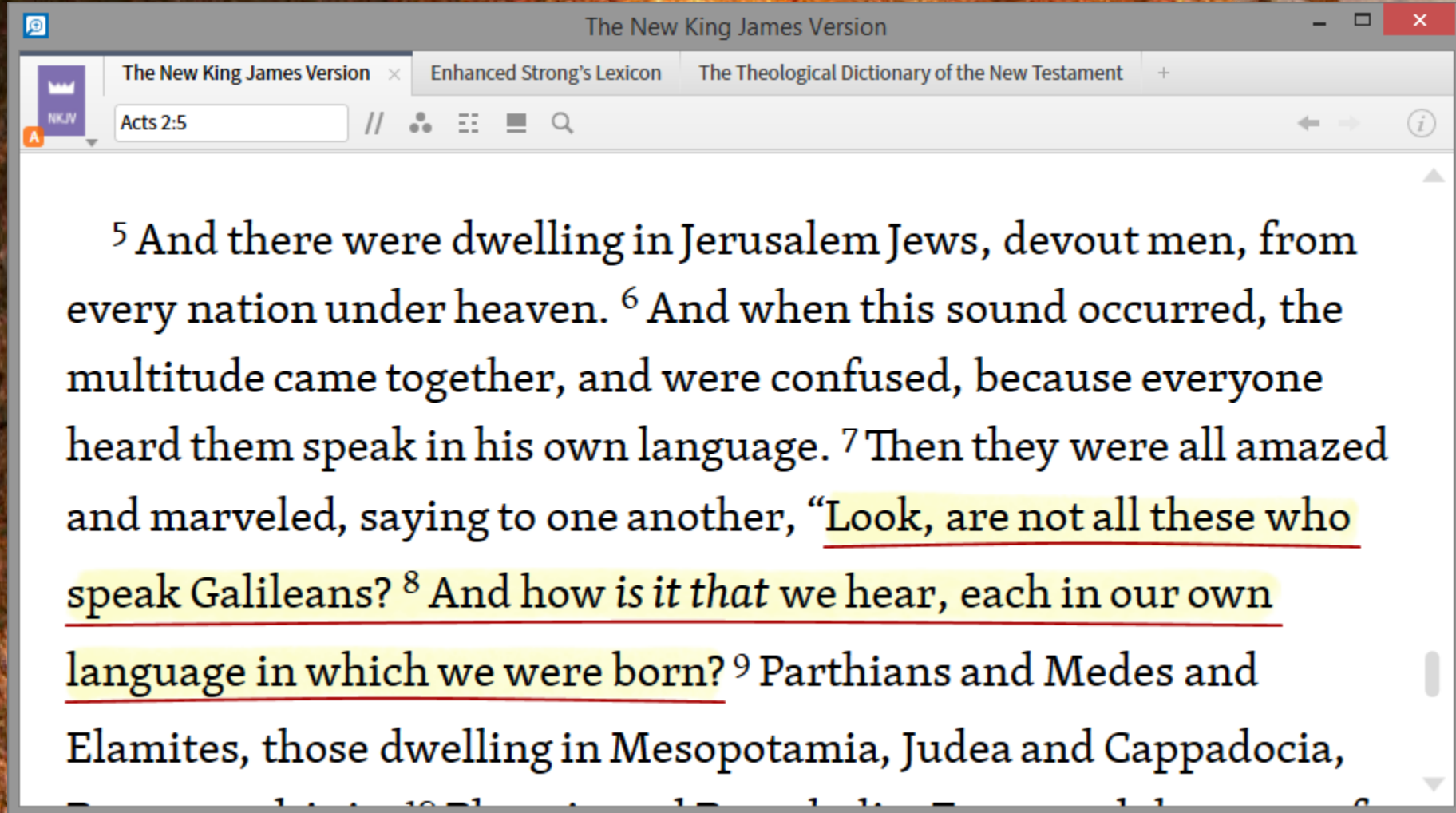
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The text is displayed in a serif font. The verse number "2" is bold. The text is color-coded: "And they were" is yellow, "all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other" is green, and "tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." is red. The browser window has a grey header with the title "The New King James Version" and a search bar. The address bar shows "Acts 2:1". The main content area has a white background with a grey border. The text is centered and has a drop shadow. The browser window has a standard Windows-style title bar with minimize, maximize, and close buttons. The background of the slide is a dark, textured image with a large white arrow pointing right.

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Acts 2:1-24 (A.D. 30 – a few weeks later)

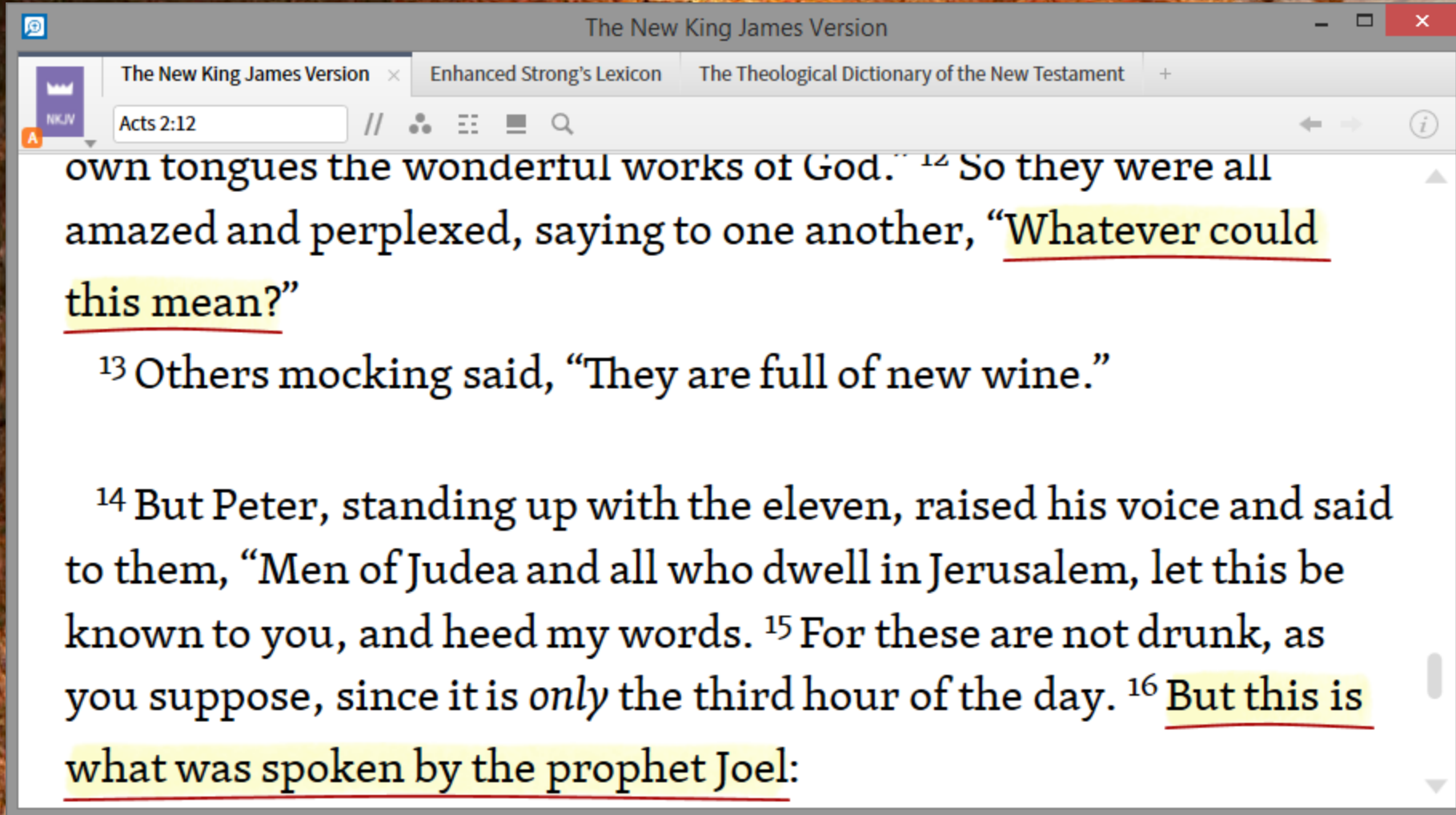
ACTS 2:1-24



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Acts 2:1-24 (A.D. 30 – a few weeks later)

ACTS 2:1-24



The New King James Version

Acts 2:12

own tongues the wonderful works of God.” ¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

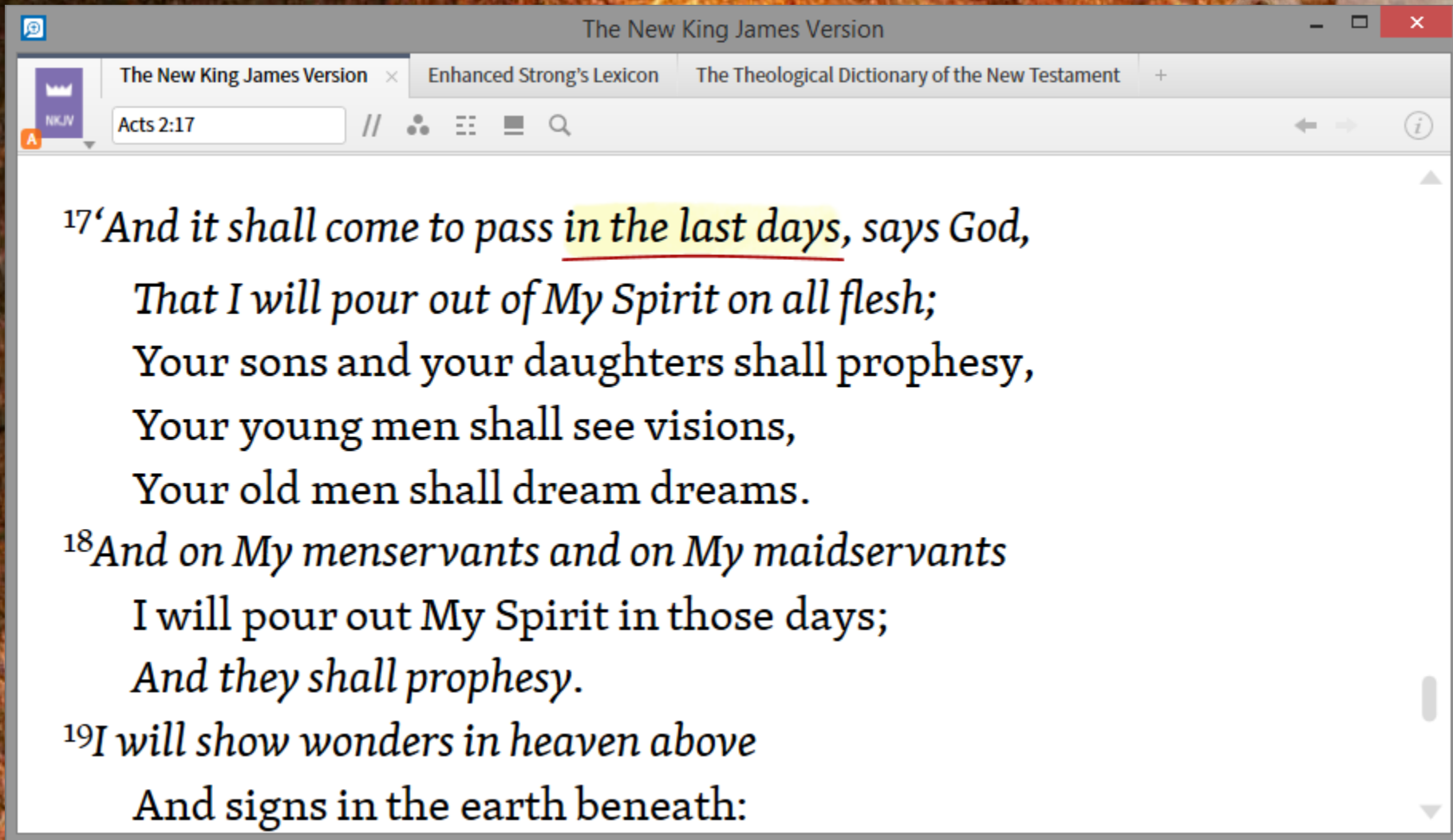
¹³ Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

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Acts 2:1-24 (A.D. 30 – a few weeks later)

ACTS 2:1-24



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¹⁷*And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.*

¹⁸*And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.*

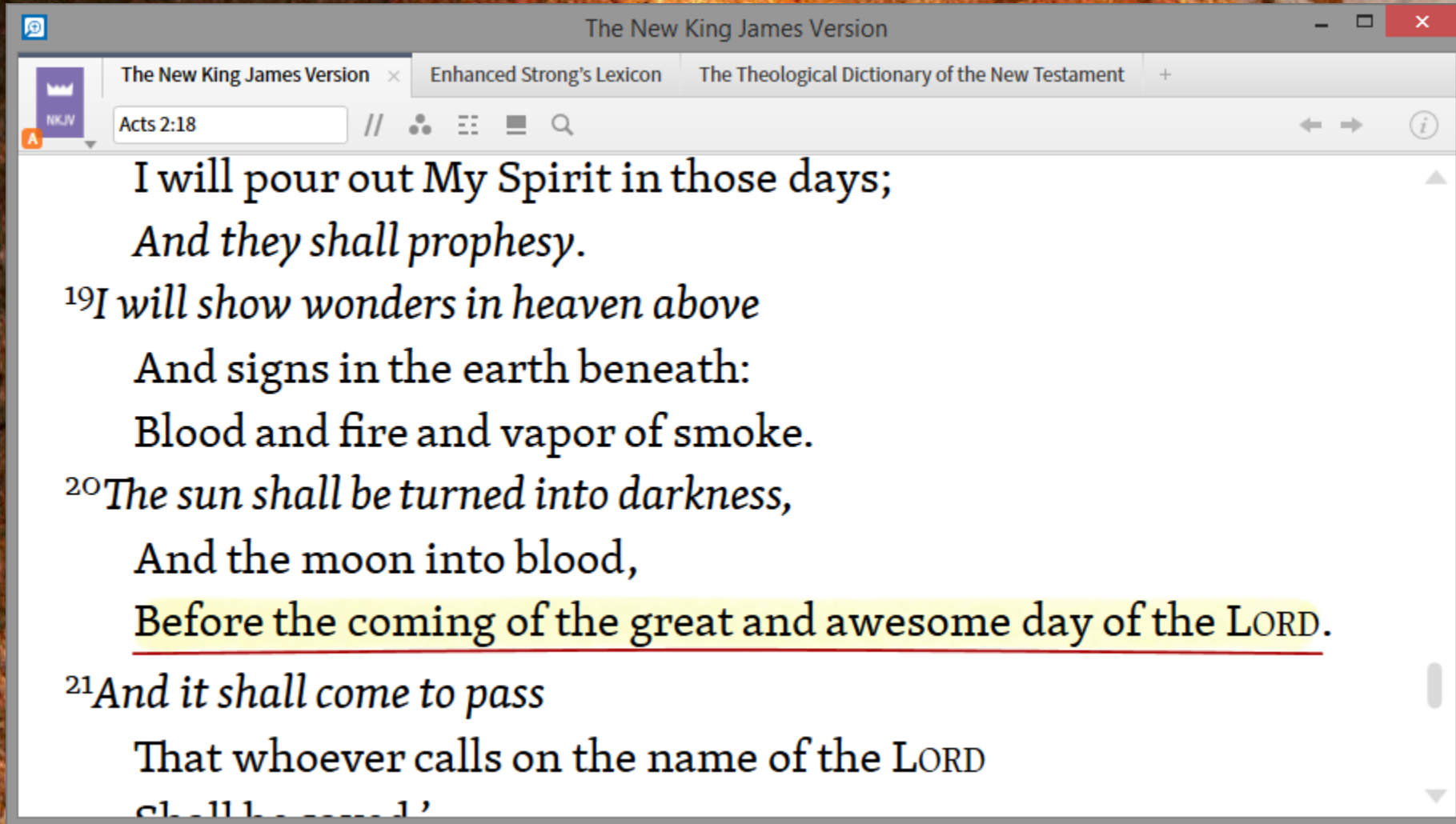
¹⁹*I will show wonders in heaven above
And signs in the earth beneath:*

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Acts 2:1-24 (A.D. 30 – a few weeks later)

ACTS 2:1-24



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "The New King James Version". The address bar displays "Acts 2:18". The page content includes the following text:

I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in heaven above
And signs in the earth beneath:
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

²⁰The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

²¹And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the name of the LORD

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Acts 2:1-24 (A.D. 30 – a few weeks later)

DEUTERONOMY 28:47-50

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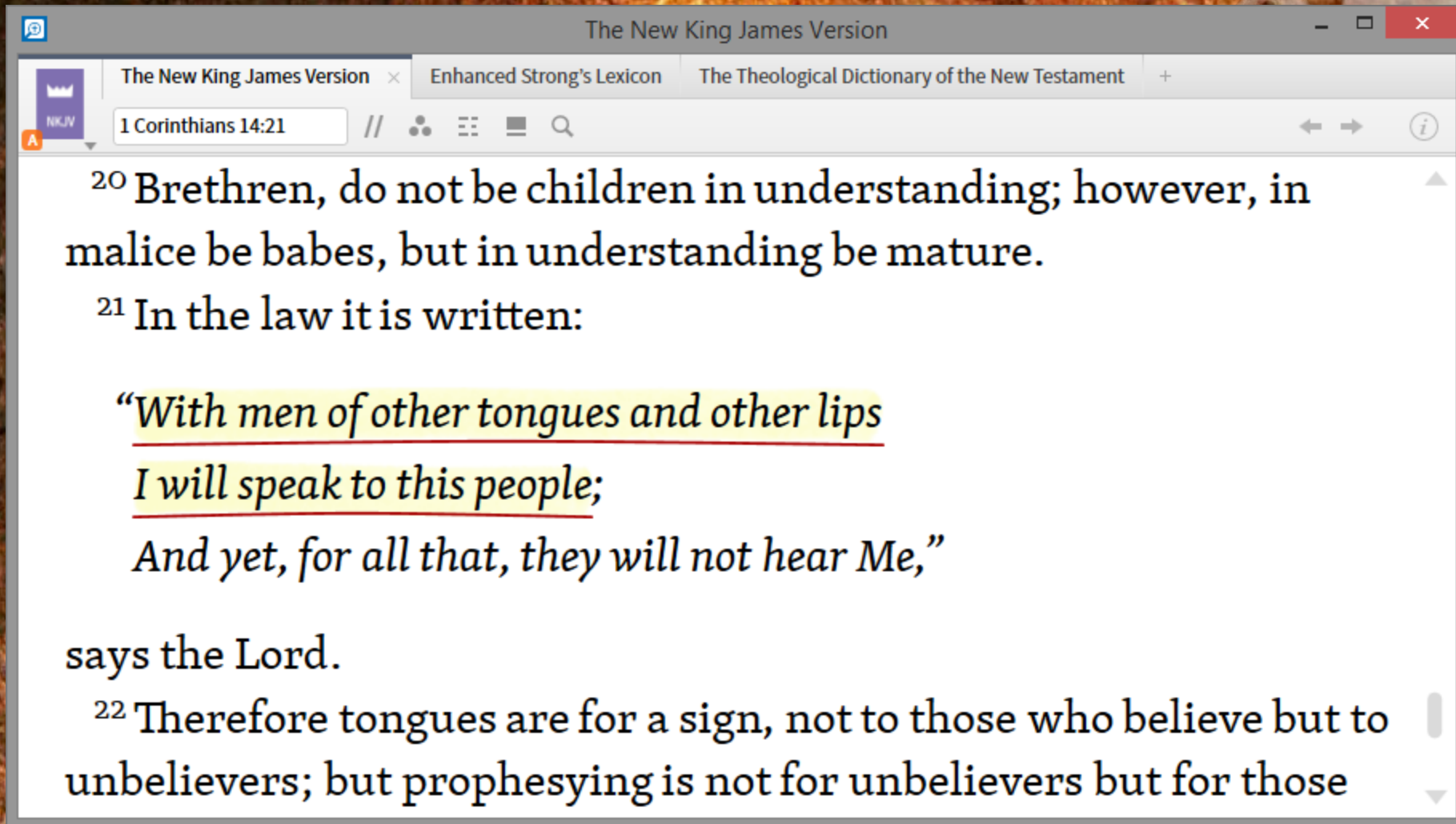
Deuteronomy 28:47

47 “Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, ⁴⁸ therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you. ⁴⁹ The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, ⁵⁰ a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young. ⁵¹ And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of

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Acts 2:1-24 (A.D. 30 – a few weeks later)

1 CORINTHIANS 14:20-22



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²⁰ Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

²¹ In the law it is written:

"With men of other tongues and other lips
I will speak to this people;
And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,"

says the Lord.

²² Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those

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Acts 8:14-17 (A.D. 32 – two years later)

ACTS 8:14-17

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Acts 8:14

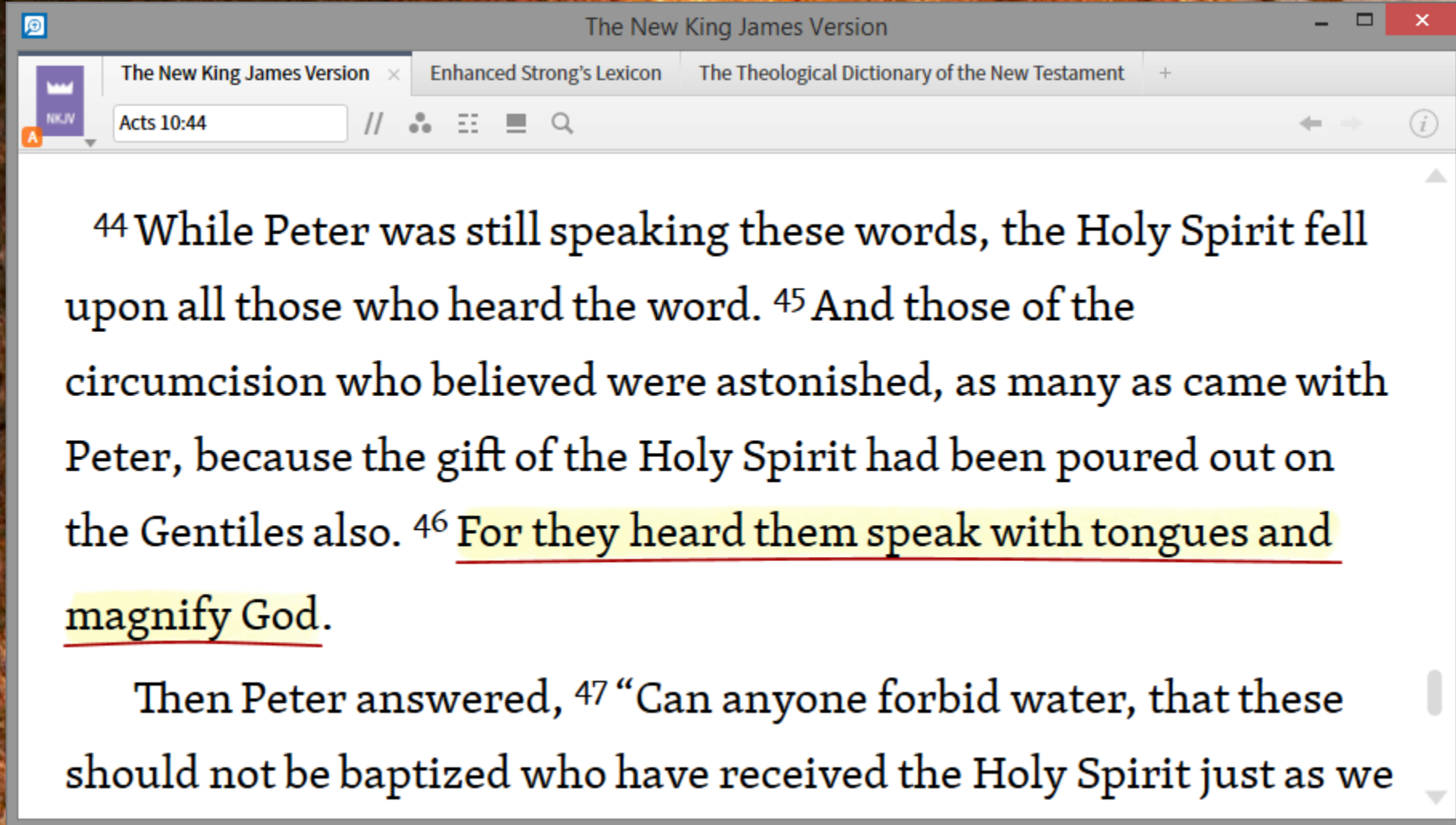
¹⁴ Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵ who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸ And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the

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Acts 10:34-48 (A.D. 36 – six years later)

ACTS 10:34-48

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44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we

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Acts 19:1-6 (A.D. 54 – 24 years later)

ACTS 19:1-6

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Acts 19:2

19 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ² he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

³ And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?”

So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”

⁴ Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”

⁵ When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. ⁷ Now the men were about twelve in all.

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Spirit baptism in Acts

	ch. 2	ch. 8	ch. 10	ch. 19
When	Pentecost	+ 2 yrs	+ 6 years	+ 24 yrs
Who	Jews	Samarians	Gentiles	Disciples of JB
When	While waiting in upper room	When Apostles laid hands	While Peter preached	When Paul laid hands
Spirit baptism	After they believed	After they believed	When they believed	When they believed
Water Baptism	unknown	Before Spirit baptism	After Spirit baptism	Before and after Spirit baptism
What happened	Tongues	Unknown	Tongues	Tongues

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Spirit baptism in Acts: Summary

Always genuine languages

Confirmed that all believers had received the Holy Spirit

A sign that the Day of the Lord was at hand

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The church in Corinth (AD 55-56)

Problems in the church

- Divisions and quarrels (1:10–17)
- Worldliness (1:18–3:21)
- Judging and Pride (ch. 4)
- Immorality (ch. 5; 6:9–20)
- Lawsuits against other believers (6:1–8)
- Confusion concerning marriage, divorce and singleness (ch. 7)
- Abuse of Christian liberty (ch. 8)
- Challenges to apostolic authority (ch. 9)



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The church in Corinth (AD 55-56)

Problems in the church

- Tendency to return to pagan practices (ch. 10)
- Disregard for roles of men and women the worship service (11:1–16)
- Disregard for the Lord and for others during the love feast (11:17–34)
- Misunderstanding and jealousy concerning spiritual gifts (ch. 12)
- Failure to give love priority over spiritual gifts (ch. 13)
- Misunderstanding and abuse of tongues in the church (ch. 14)
- Rejecting the bodily resurrection of Christ and believers (ch. 15)



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Features of the mystery cults

- Use of instruments
- Ecstatic behavior and utterances
- Communion / union with the gods
- Self-centered worship
- Prominent role of women

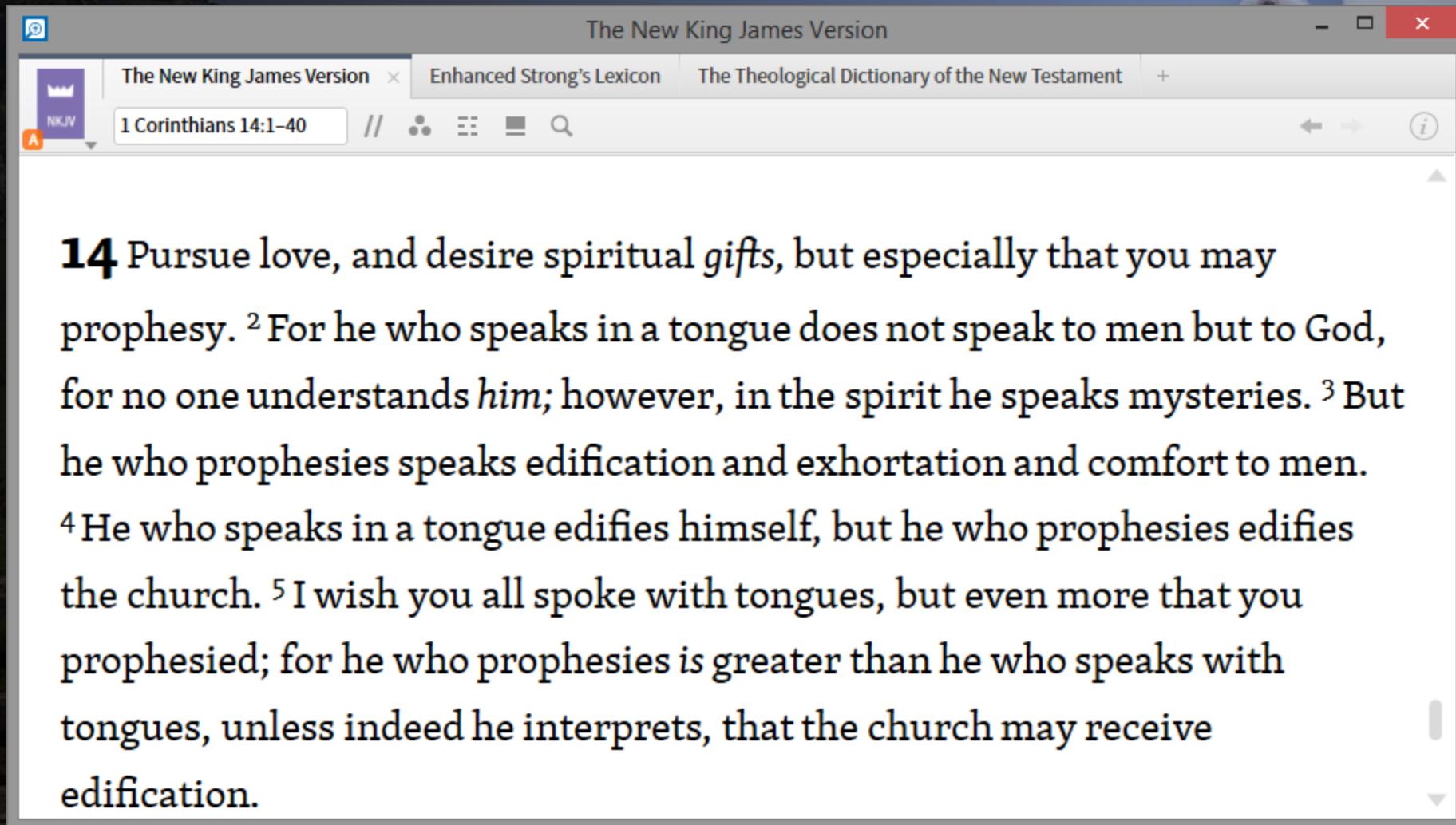
Worship in the mystery cults

- Use of instruments
- Ecstatic behavior and utterances
- Communion / union with the gods
- Self-centered worship
- Prominent role of women



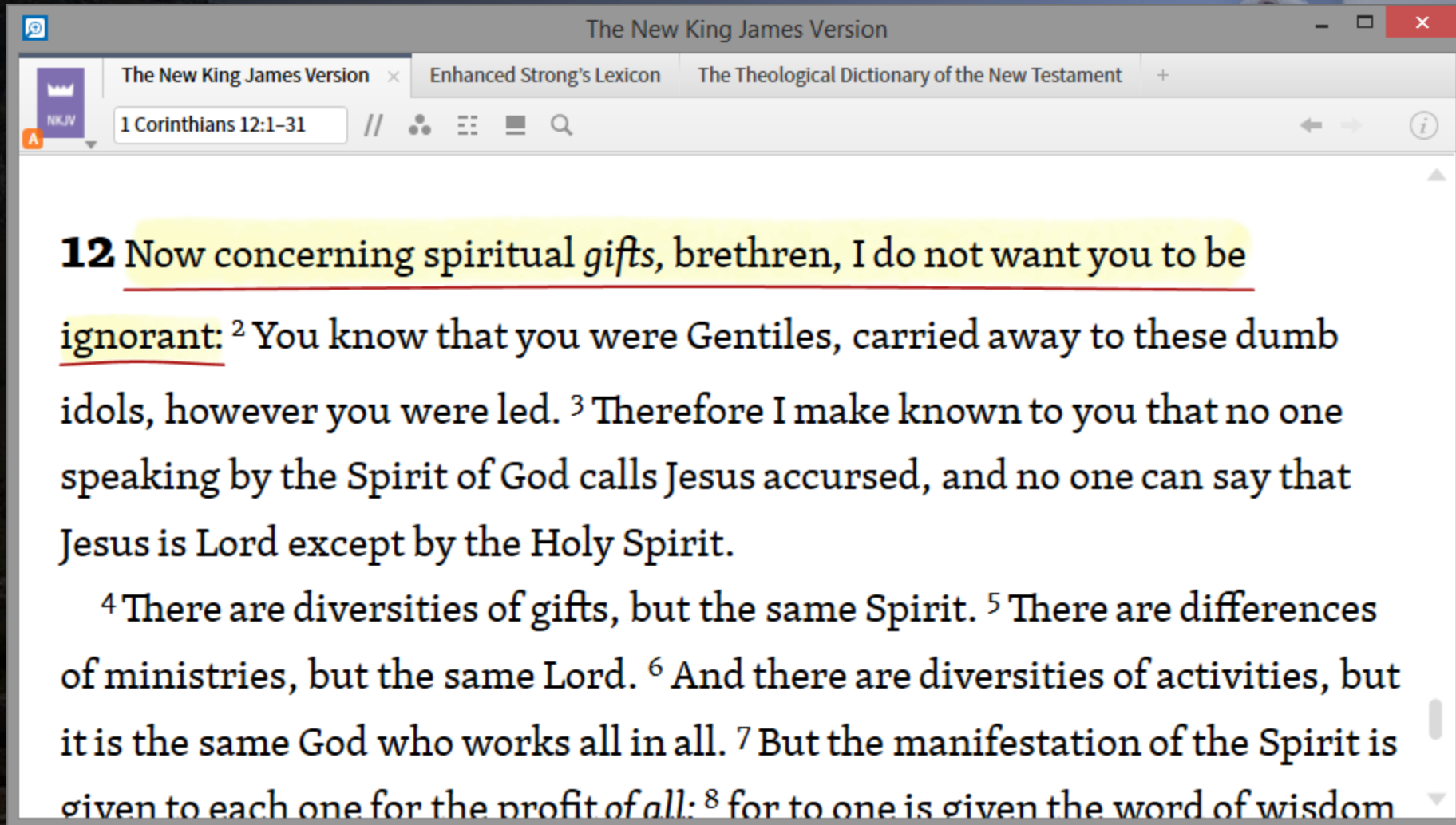
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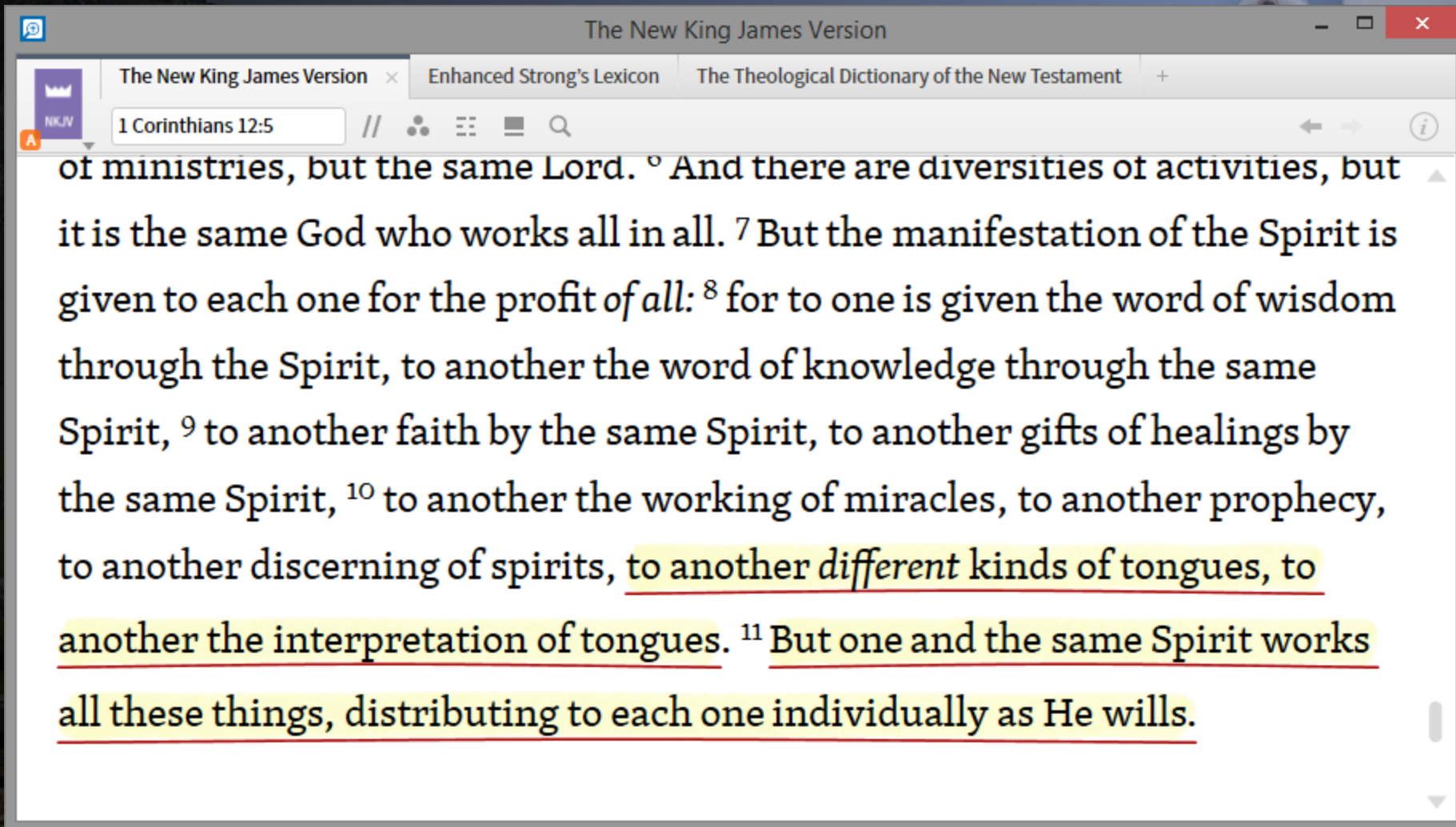
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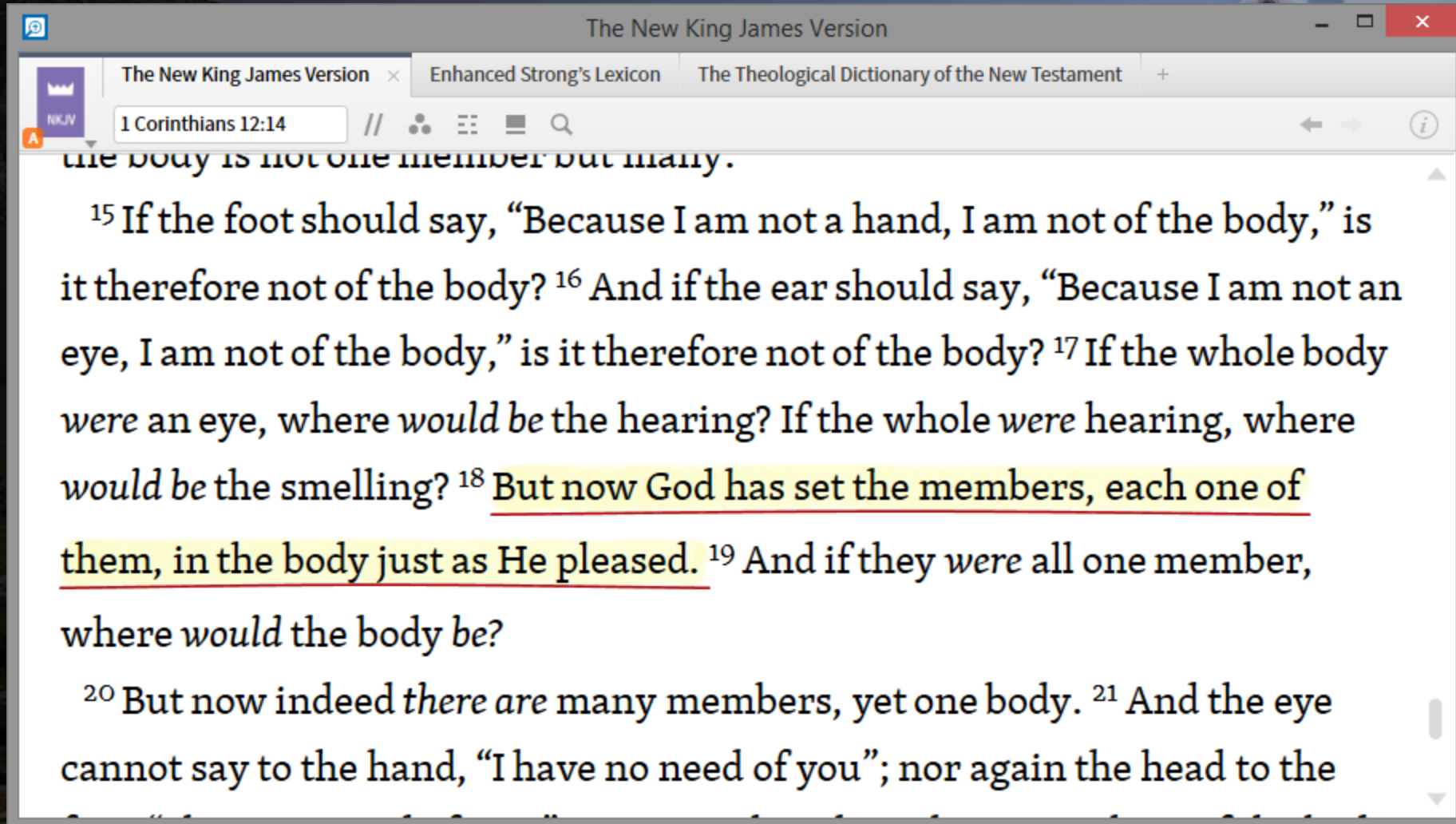
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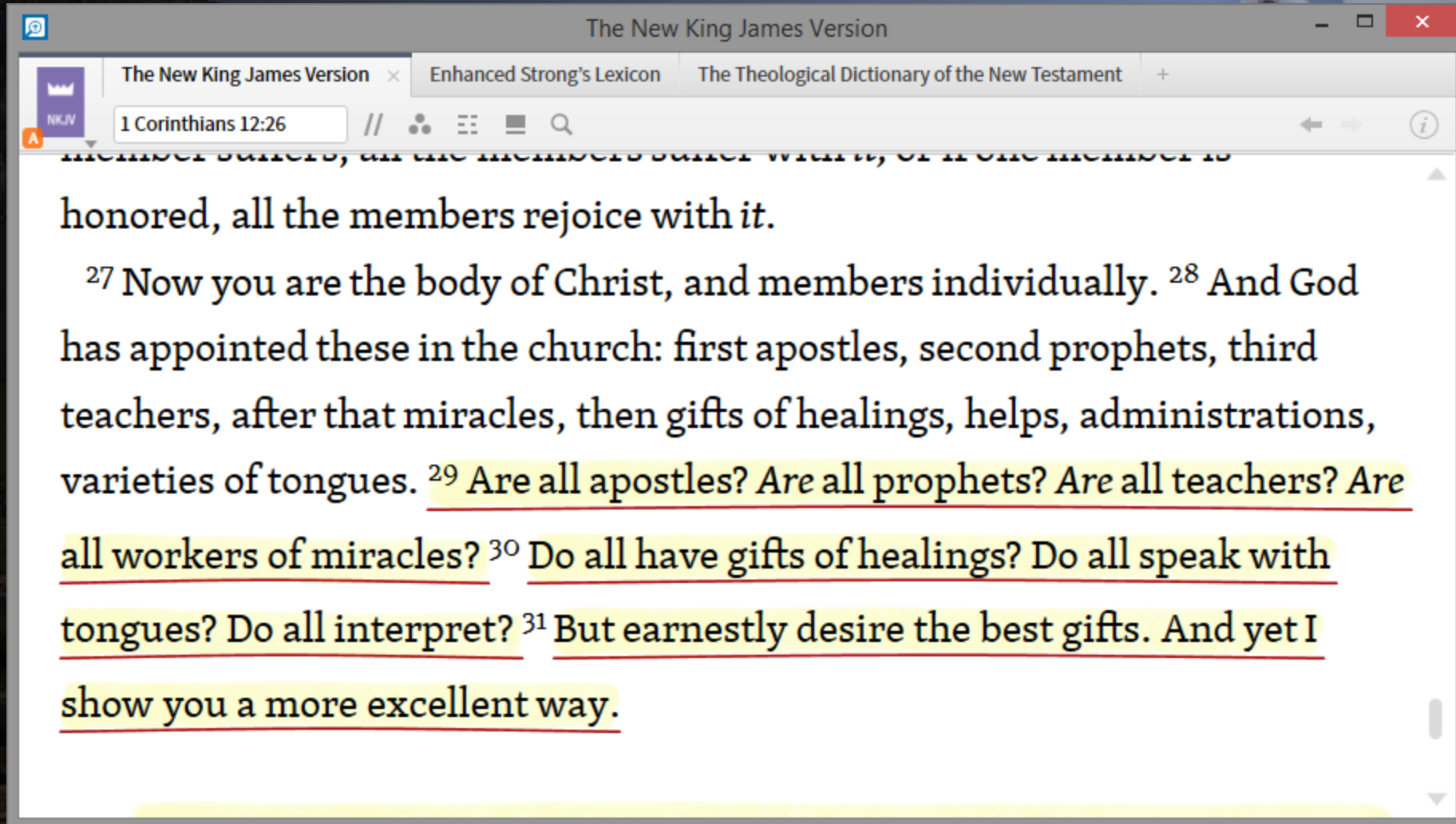
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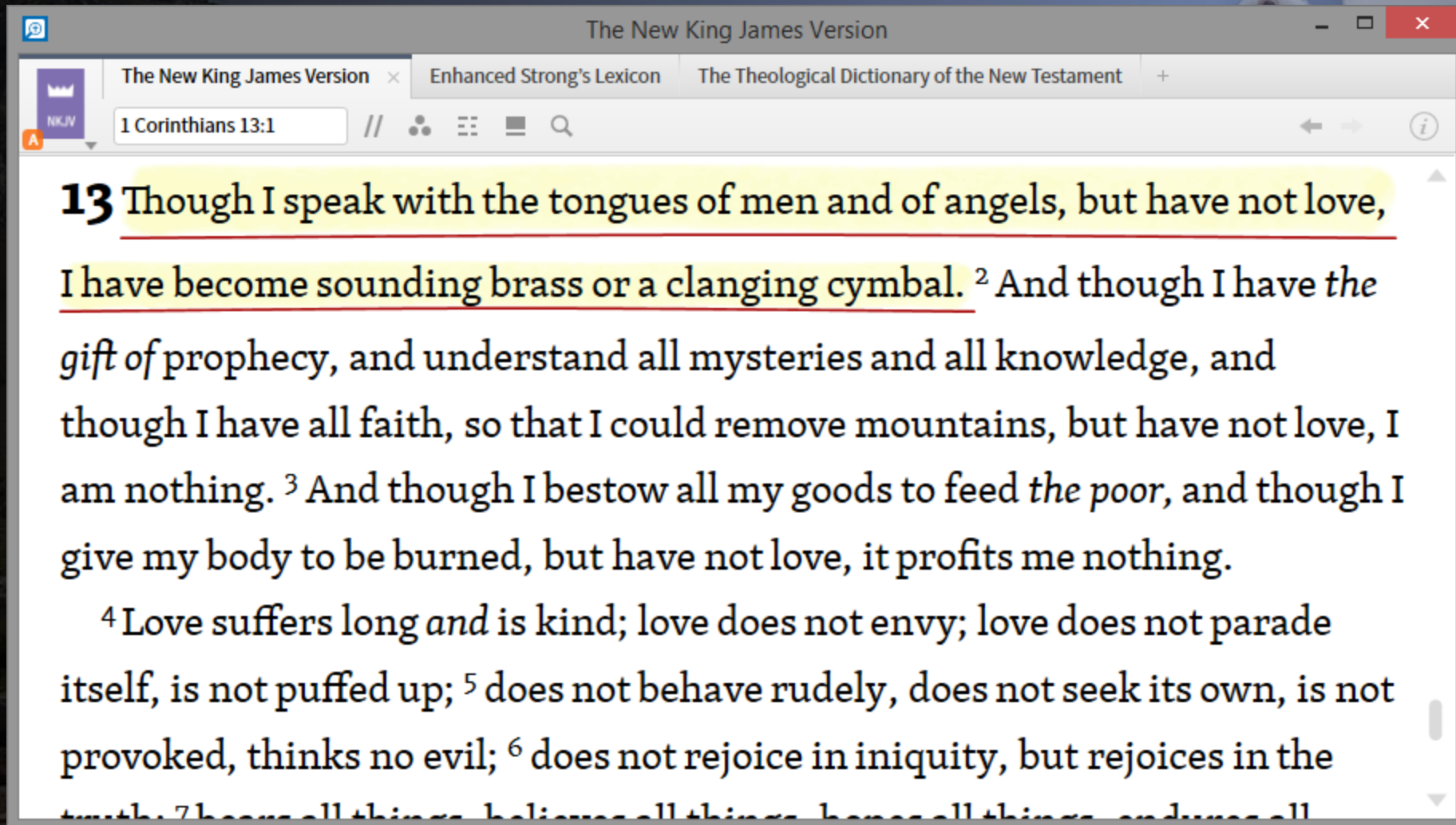
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13 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

⁴ Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all

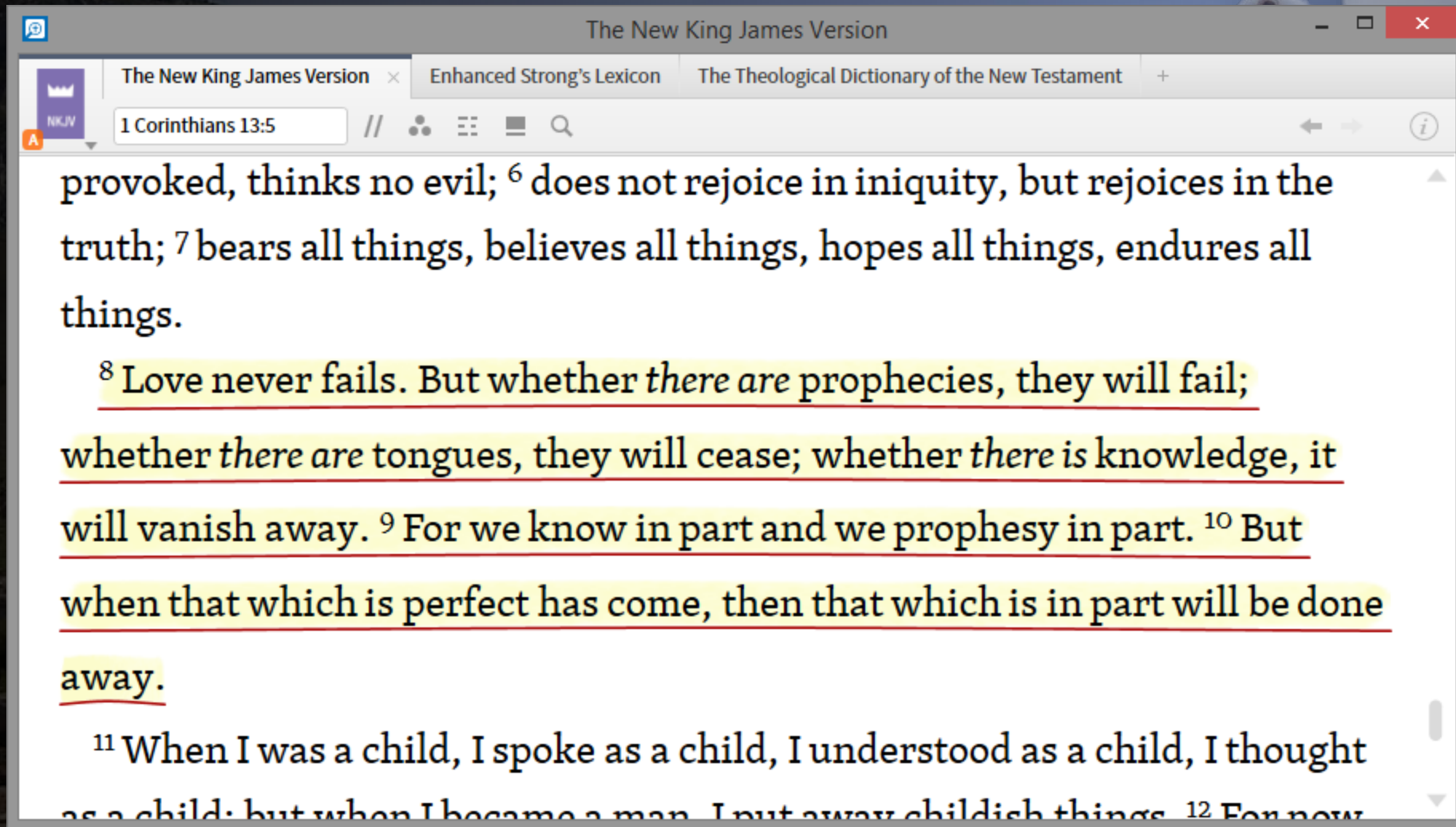
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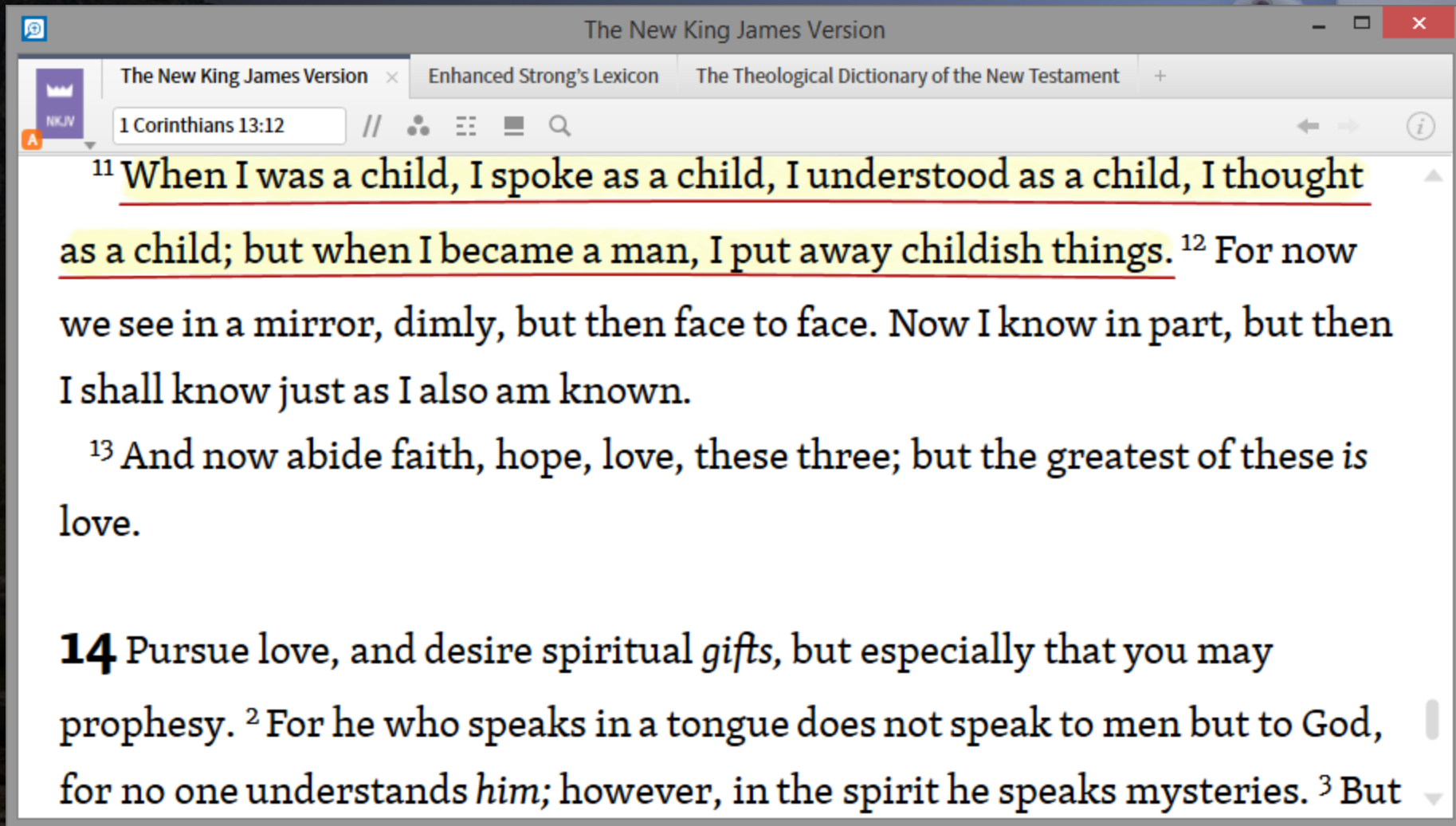
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1 Corinthians 13:12

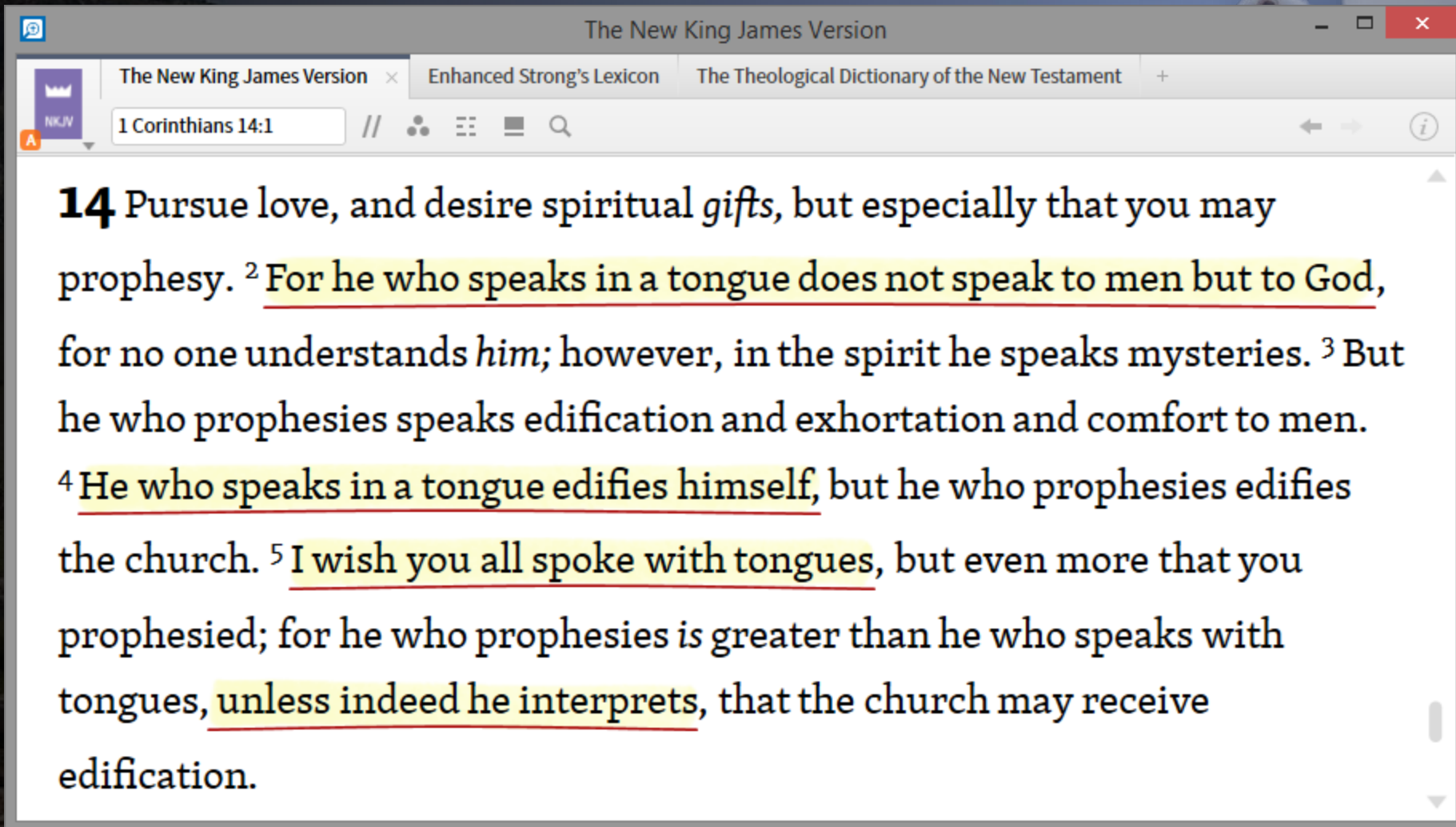
¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

14 Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy. ² For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. ³ But

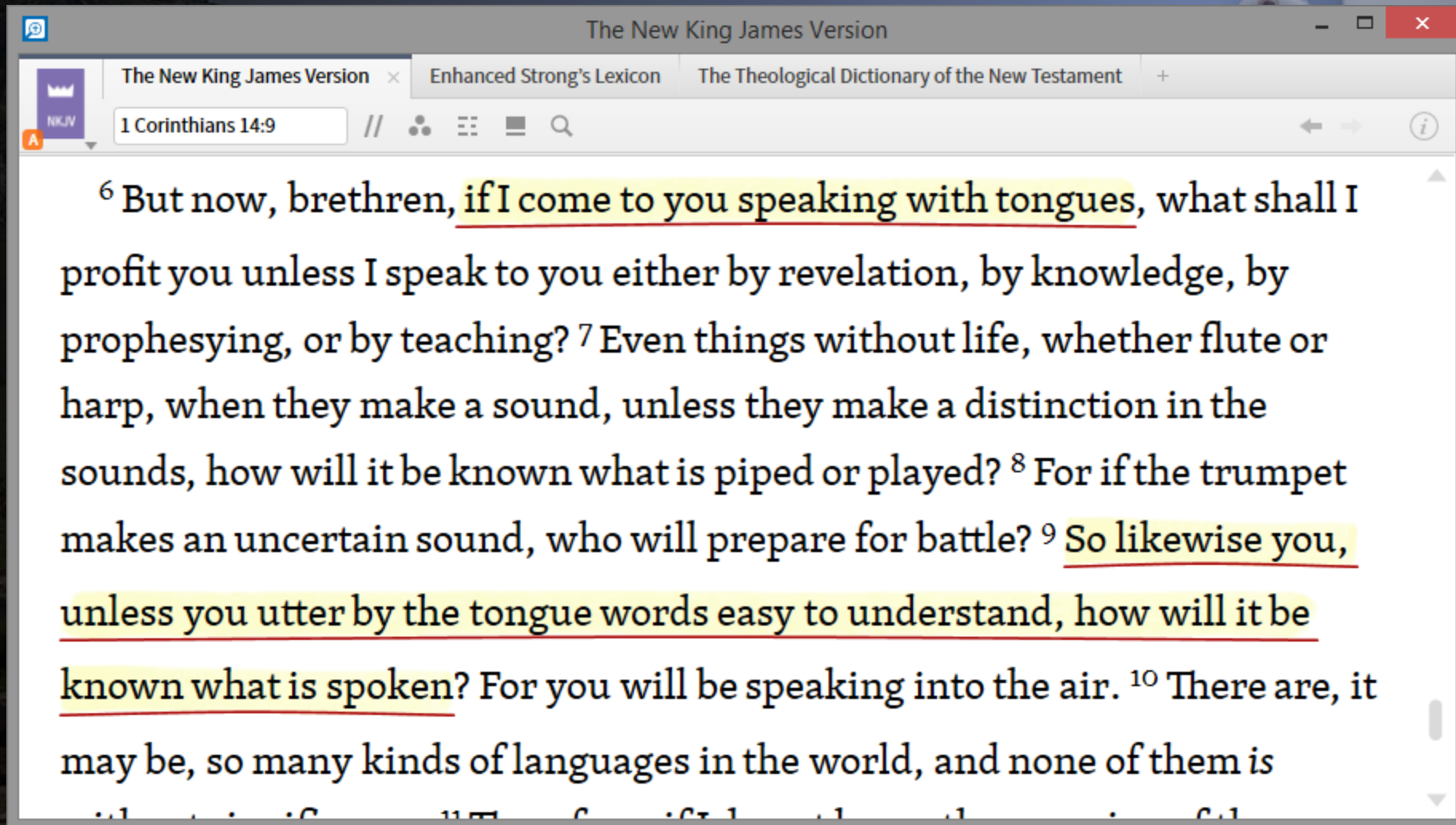
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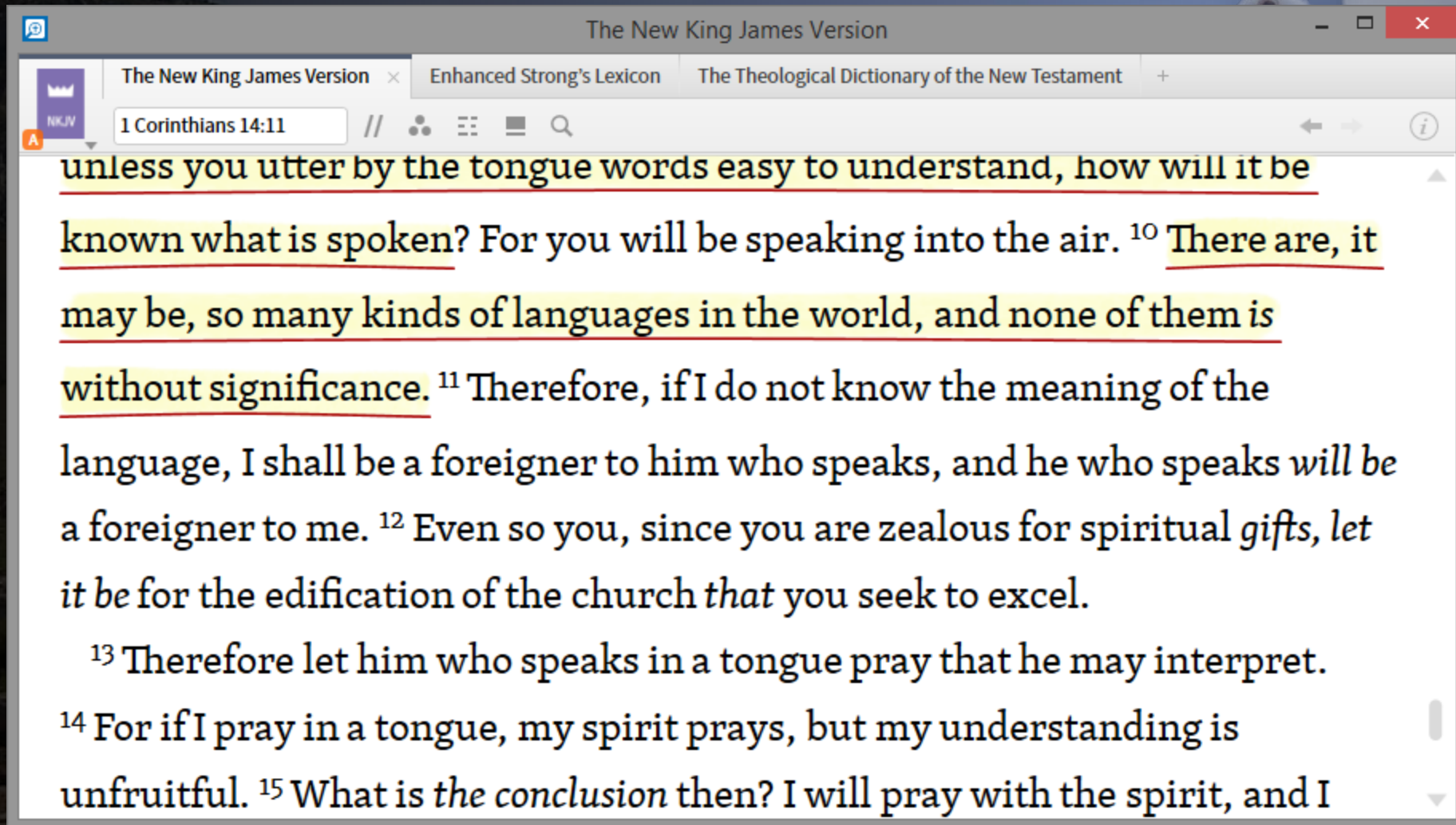
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1 Corinthians 14:11

unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be
known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰ There are, it
may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is
without significance. ¹¹ Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the
language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks *will be*
a foreigner to me. ¹² Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual *gifts*, *let*
it be for the edification of the church *that* you seek to excel.

¹³ Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is
unfruitful. ¹⁵ What is *the conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I

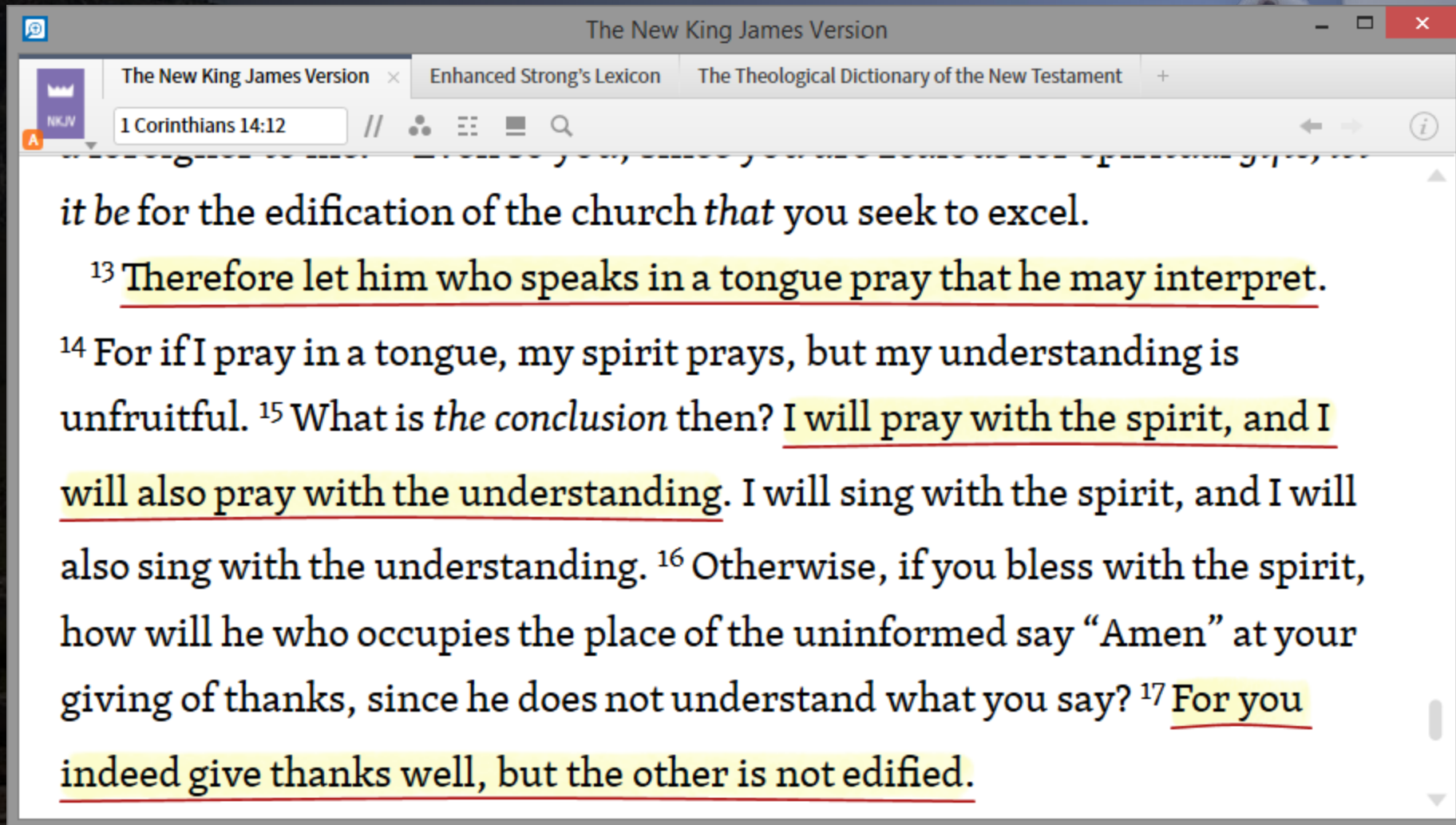
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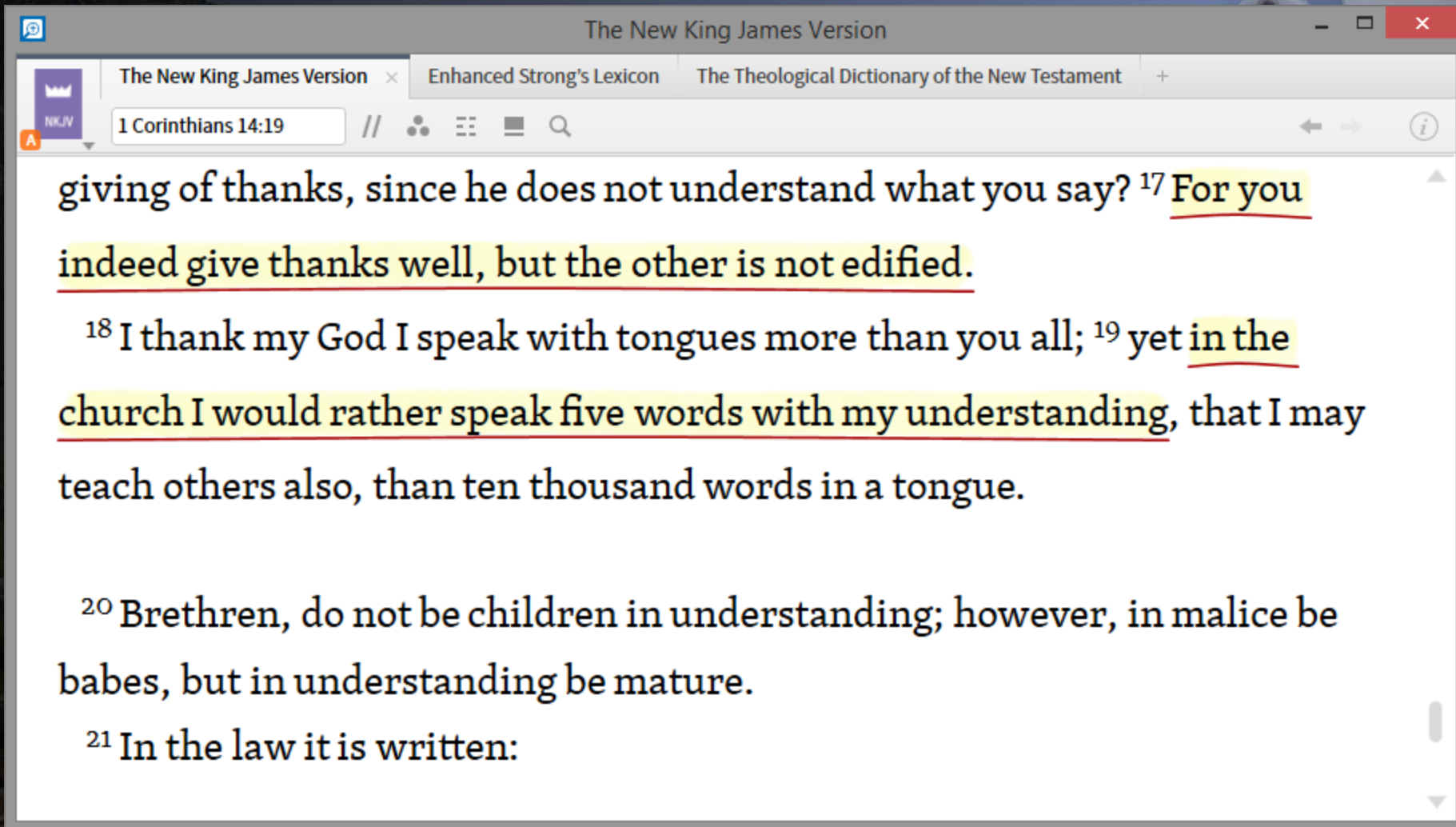
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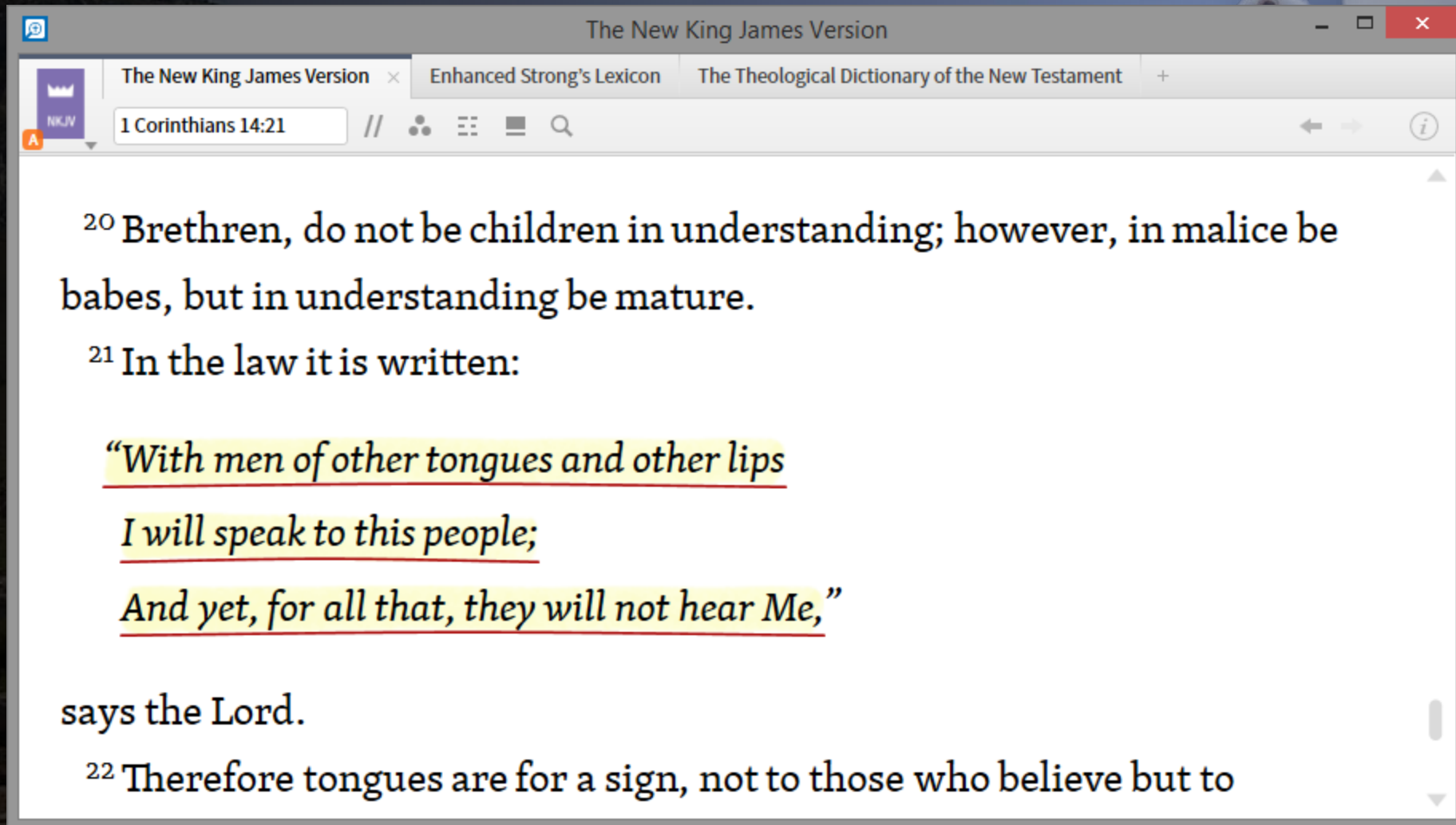
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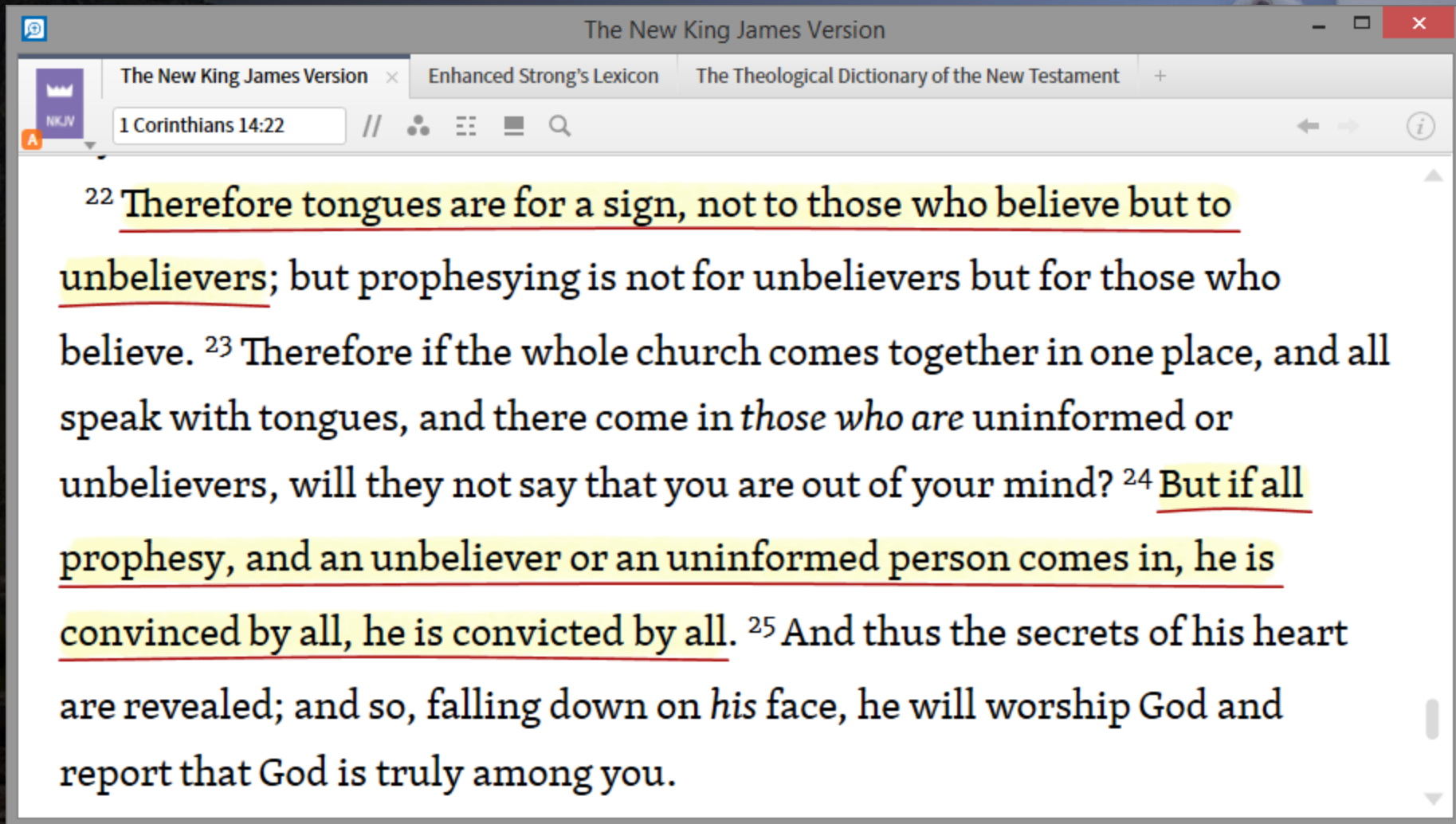
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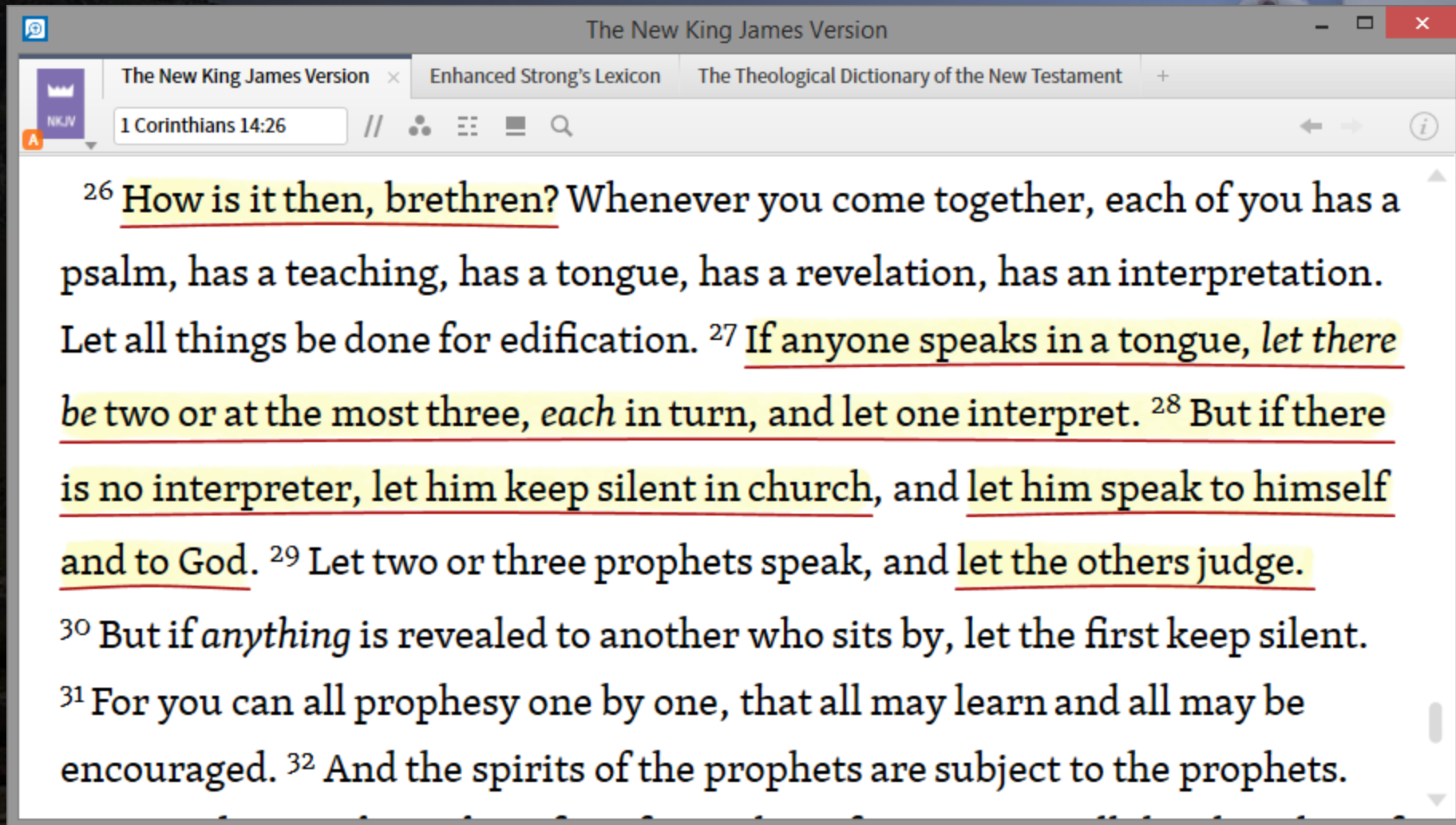
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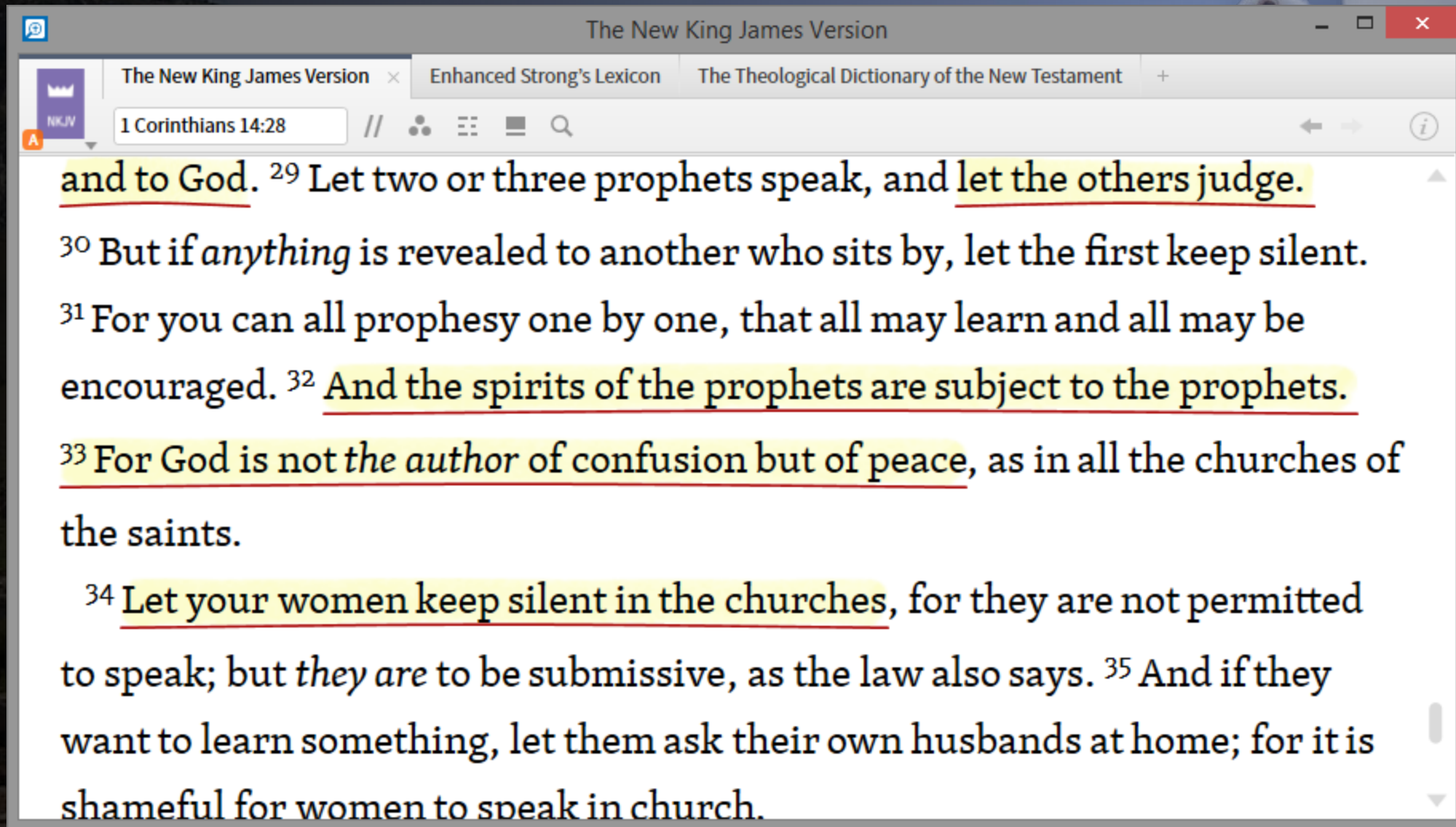
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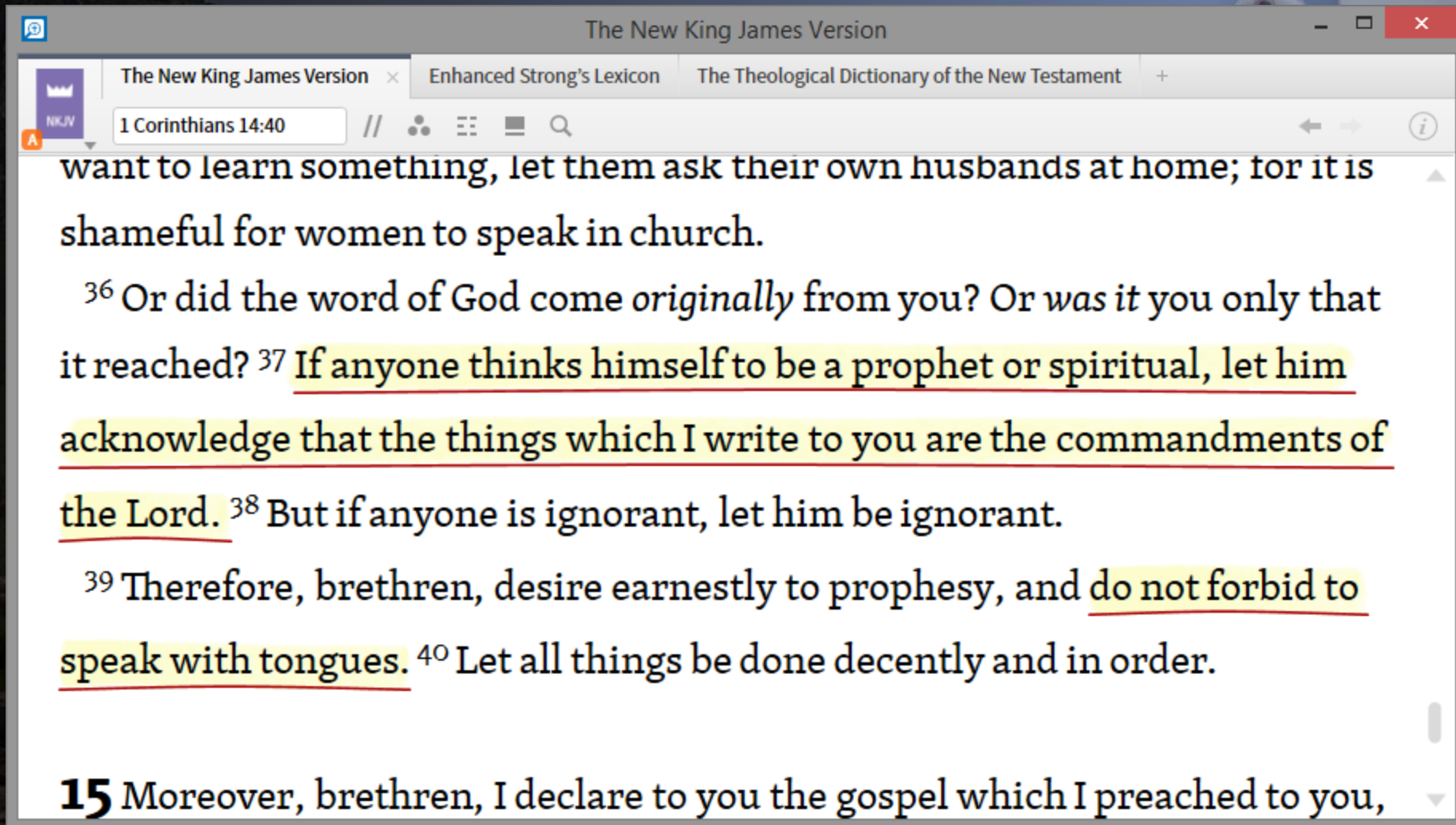
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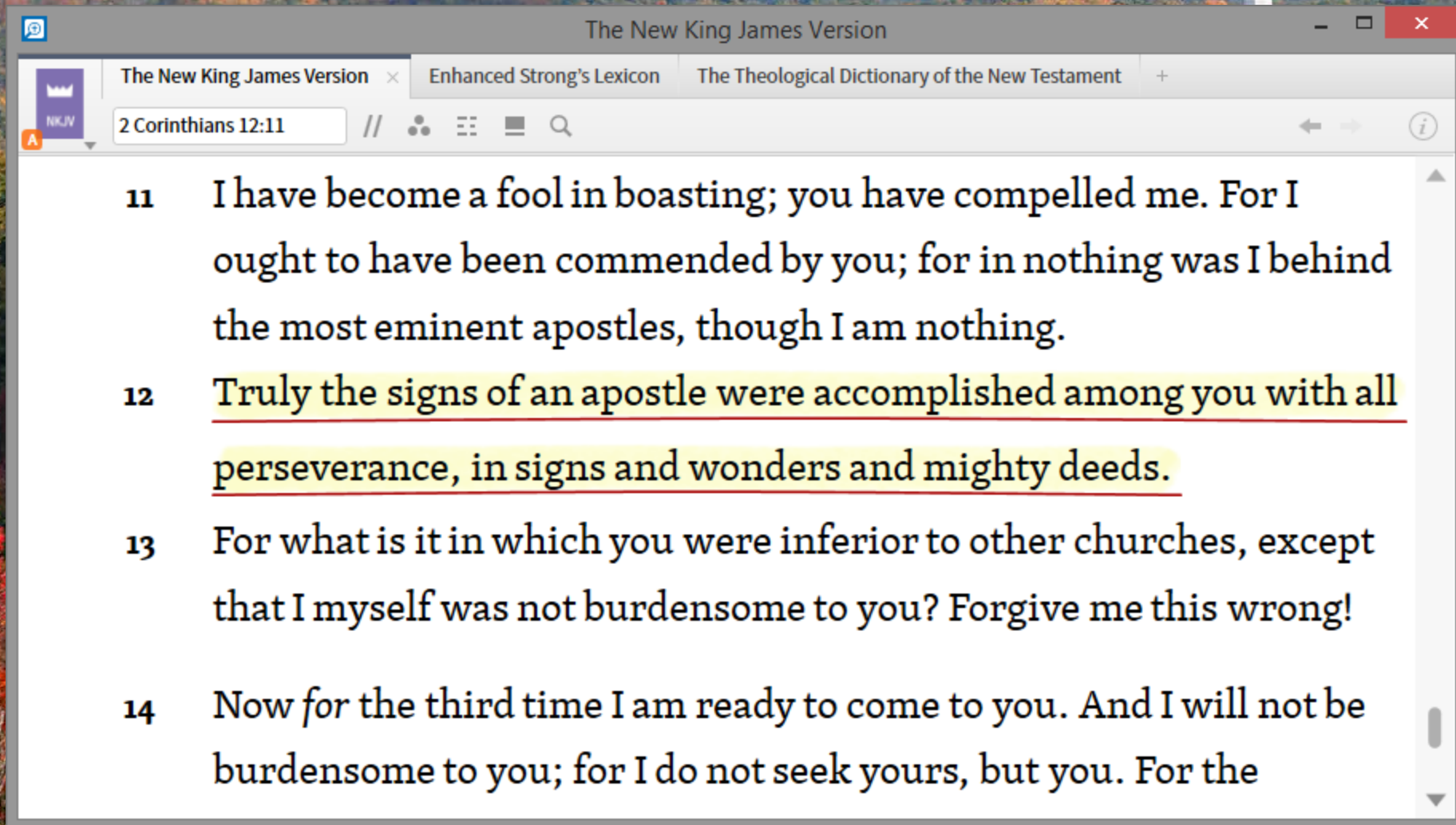
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SIGN GIFTS: Temporary

The logical reason: The apostles have died

2 CORINTHIANS 12:12



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2 Corinthians 12:11

11 I have become a fool in boasting; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing.

12 Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

13 For what is it in which you were inferior to other churches, except that I myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this wrong!

14 Now *for* the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the

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The logical reason: The apostles have died

REVELATION 21:14

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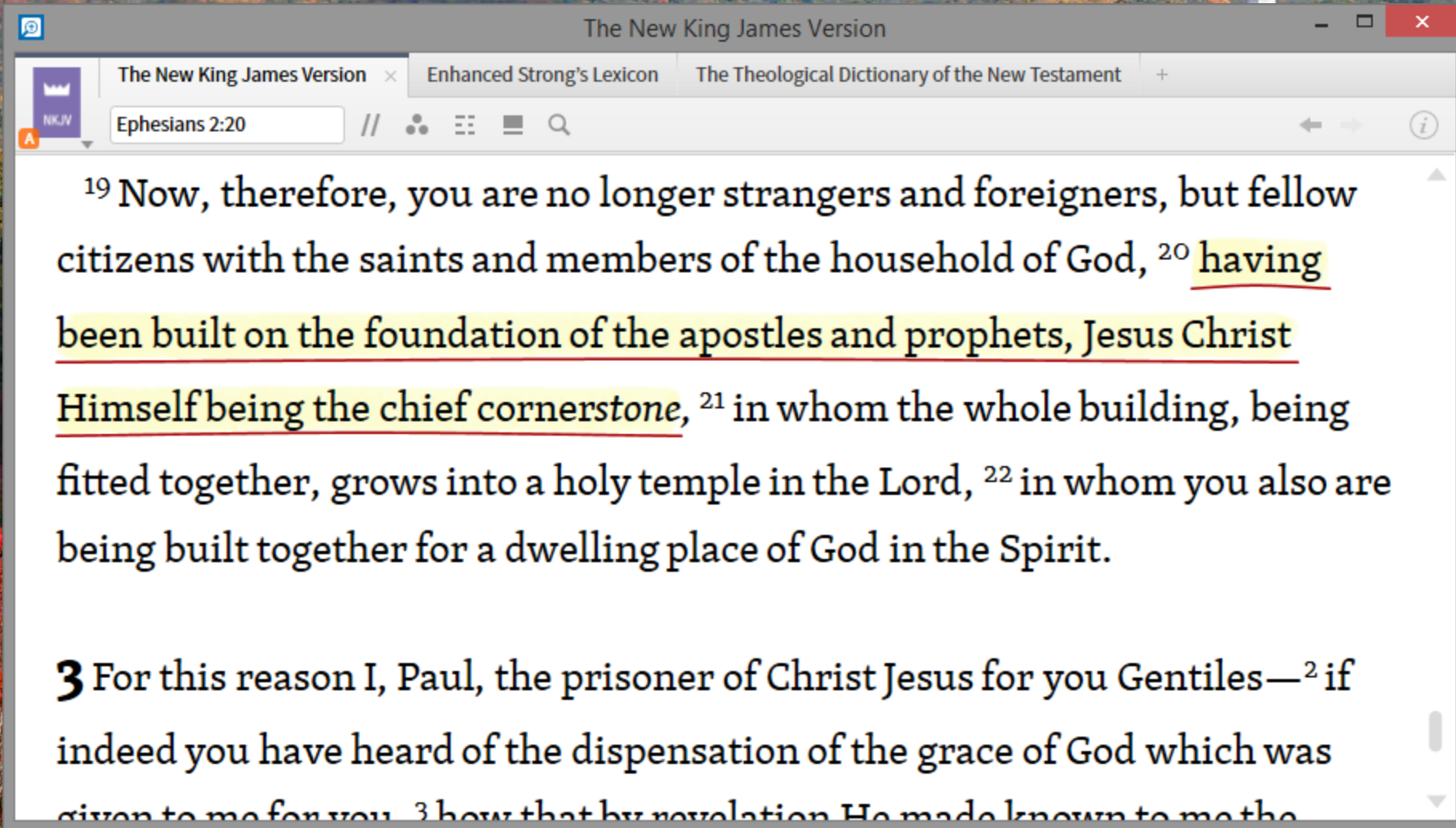
a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits.

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The logical reason: The apostles have died

EPHESIANS 2:20

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¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—² if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you ³ how that by revelation He made known to me the

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The exegetical reason: Use of past tense

HEBREWS 2:3

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Hebrews 2:1-18

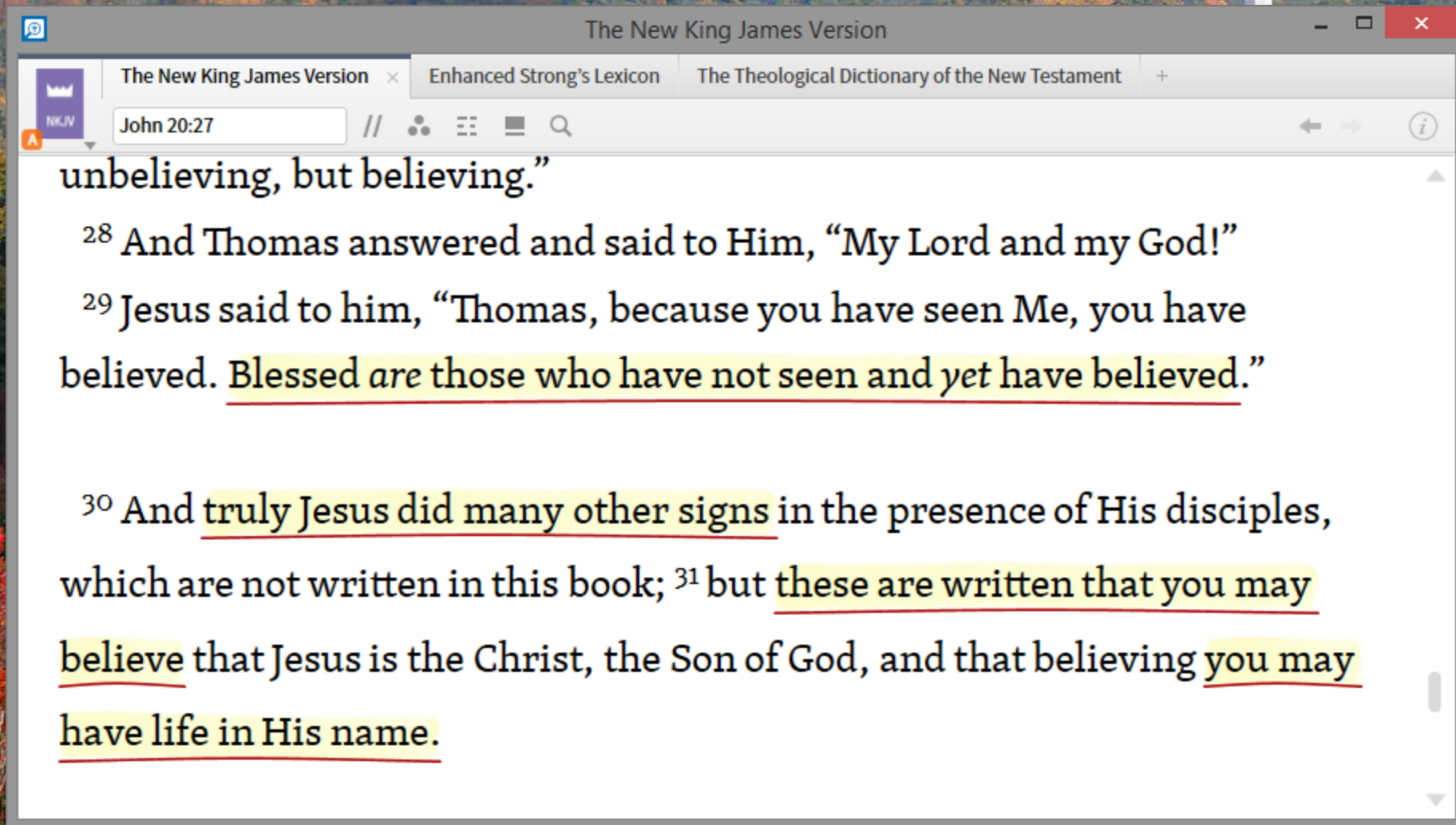
2 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, ⁴ God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

⁵ For He has not put the world to come of which we speak in subjection to

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The exegetical reason: Use of past tense

JOHN 20:27



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unbelieving, but believing.”

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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The theological reason: They will cease

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7

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⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

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The historical reason: The evidence

Frequency of miracles decreases in Acts

Almost no mention in letters to the churches

AD 60: Epaphroditus almost died (Phil 2:25-30)

AD 65: Timothy was not healed (1 Tim 5:23)

AD 67: Paul left Trophimus sick in Miletus (2 Tim 4:20)



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Other considerations

Pastoral epistles

Paul's diminishing gift of healing

Signs and wonders in the future

